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Leading Dry Goods Store

Is still doing business and expects to be whether they strike gas or oil. My stock is complete in every line. - - - - - -

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is well stocked with Ladies, Gentlemen's and Childrens wear. Cheaper in price not quality) than any exclusive Shoe House can afford to sell for. - - -

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It is not necessary to enumerate the many bargains I have for you. Come and see for yourselves. We will take pleasure in showing you them, whether you wish to buy or not.

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—Dealers in—

Staple and Fancy Groceries, Dry Goods, Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats, Fruit in season, Tobacco, Cigars, Confectionery and School Supplies.

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We would be pleased to have you call and inspect our stock whether you purchase or not.

Goods delivered anywhere in town, free of charge.

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EVERY MAN has or ought to have an eye to on his attire. Fine Clothing is the uniform of success and prosperity. Every man seeks to look his best. He must have a good tailor to help him do it. We claim first place in that line and having opened our

New Spring and Summer Goods.

We are now ready to serve our customers with the latest in models of clothes.

R. SEGER & CO.,

THE MERCHANT TAILORS.

Emporium, Pa.

CONGRESS SAFE !

Request of McKinley Approved, and No Hasty Action Will be Taken.

THE DANGER POINT PASSED.

Spain Reported to Have Accepted President McKinley's Cuban Propositions.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Senate committee on foreign relations failed to reach an agreement at its meeting to-day on any of the Cuban resolutions before it, but referred the whole matter to a sub-committee and then adjourned.

The members of the foreign relations committee who saw the President to-day assured the other members that the Cuban situation would come to a head in a very few days and that Congress would be informed.

The utmost limit placed upon the time when the matter will be settled one way or the other was stated as one week, while others thought that it might be within 48 hours.

The committee considered that it would be unwise, in view of the negotiations now on, to precipitate matters at this time.

It was said that Congress need not take action to hurry the administration in view of what had been learned by members.

The Senate passed a resolution, on motion of Chairman Davis of the foreign relations committee, allowing them to sit during the session of the Senate.

To Buy Independence.

NEW YORK, March 30.—The Mail and Express has the following from its Washington correspondent:

"It is asserted on excellent authority that a solution of the Cuban question has been reached, and that the President's victory is close at hand. The confidence displayed yesterday in administration circles that the Cuban question is on the verge of an honorable and peaceful settlement seems to have had a speedy confirmation by the developments of night and early this morning.

"It is said that a cable came from Gen. Woodford late last night telling that Spain's final agreement to the President's propositions would soon be here.

"The general features of the plan are understood to include the recognition of the independence of the Cuban republic by Spain and the payment by the new republic of an indemnity to the Spanish government of $200,000,000.

"An armistice is to be declared, during which the Spanish force are to be called in from the rural districts and concentrated in Havana, preparatory to embarking for home.

"The reconcentrados policy is to be abolished at once and the wretched sufferers are to be fed by the United States, supplied with farming tools and seeds for a crop and then sent to their homes."

This is the arrangement which, it is declared, Premier Sagasta has accepted on behalf of Spain.

JUNTA SAID TO HAVE CONSENTED.

It is said that the Representative Palma of the Cuban Junta, while in Washington yesterday, was asked if the insurgents would accept this proposition.

The Mail and Express correspondent says that Mr. Palma showed a disposition to demur at the payment of the enormous indemnity of $200,000,000, but that when he learned that President McKinley would insist on this condition, finally consented."

The correspondent says that President McKinley instructed Minister Woodford to place this proposition before the Spanish government about ten days ago.

Senor Sagasta frankly stated that he could not discuss any proposition involving the freedom of Cuba pending the elections. The elections were held last Sunday, and Senor Sagasta won by an overwhelming majority.

Many candidates commence to scratch their heads and examine their fences.

DIED.

ARNOLD—At Sterling Run, Pa., on Wednesday, March 23d, 1898, Mrs. MARGARET ARNOLD, wife of Mr. Wm. W. ARNOLD, aged 72 years.

Emporium as a Summer Resort.

Editor of the Press.

Almost daily I hear the subject raised, "what can be done to advance the interests of Emporium?" Some say, "let us get new industries to locate here." Others claim good roads will do a great deal towards it. A strong, ardent and sensible adherent has been found who lays claim to the simple theory, "summer boarders."

To this latter subject I would devote myself, if I do not intrude too much on your space. In the first place let me say I heartily endorse the plan, but how is it to become practicable?

Tourists and pleasure seekers know almost nothing of our pretty little county. Passing through on the train what do we see from the car windows? A little valley, in no place exceeding half a mile in width and in some places the railroad is almost canopied by rugged rocks and a few hemlocks. When they pass through our town they know not of the nice shady nooks, sheltered from the burning, sweltering, summer sun; the purling brooks, where the speckled beauties sport and play—nature's home, a paradise of peace, sweet haven of rest. Places wherein the nervous tension of man's soul may relax in peace.

A poet has written, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." How true this is. Nature's God has sought out for himself some sylvan dell and there erected for himself a bower. Must the poet and artist be alone in their admiration of those fairy nooks, among our magnificent mountains?

What draws the tourist wandering through Europe? Literary talent, historic fame, etc., are the chief magnets. "The pen is mightier than the sword." We are a sensitive, ideal worshiping generation, though our voices would be loud in disclaiming such an accuation. We follow a shadow, and chase a phantom, with unsatiated fanaticism, worthy of a pagan priest. If, therefore, we would cater to the demands of pleasure, we must assist nature. Literary talent can and will make any place famous. We lack not the invigorating healthful breezes. We lack not the health-restoring mineral springs. We lack not the scenero. Every rock, every bush, every dell and ferny bower is teeming with curios for the thousands who would be only too glad to come if they knew. "Knew what?" I hear some one ask. Did they but know of the existence of the place and a sanitarium wherein to rest. What does the business man do for his wares? He advertises. The public press is the boon and blessing of mankind, and very few editors will stand aloof or keep a good thing from their town. The literary talent of Emporium is of no mean order, and our press would, without doubt, print anything of merit for our beautiful little county. I would like to hear from others through the PRESS, on this subject.

Seek o'er the mountain fells,
Stray through the valleys,
Each wild crag or dell
Where the pebbly brook sallies,
Where the arbutus blooms,
Trailing most lowly,
Sending its rich derfumes—
Incense most holy.
Stray to the river's birth,
Lone in the mountain,
Springing from mother earth;
Crystal the fountain.
Then tell to the world afar,
Trumpet it bold and clear—
Health gates are thrown ajar,
Elysium is here.

JAMES CASSELS.

Emporium, March 21st, 1898.

Chicken and Waffle Supper.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve their annual chicken and waffle supper, at the homes of I. K. Hockley and J. B. Schriever, on Thursday, April 14th, 1898, between the hours of five p. m., and two the following morning. Supper, 25 cents. 3t

Died.

MOSES L. YOCUM, aged 50 years, died at the family residence at Cameron, Pa., on Monday morning, from gastric ulcer. Mr. Yocum leaves a wife and six children to mourn his death. His funeral was held yesterday, at Cameron, Rev. Sleep officiating. The remains were interred in Newton Cemetery, at Emporium.

Young Men's Business Club.

The Young Men's Business Club held a special meeting at R. Seger & Son's store, Tuesday evening, at which there was a very large attendance. The Club is actively engaged upon a prospect calculated to be of material assistance to the business interests of Emporium. A regular meeting will be held this evening and it is requested that every member attend.

For Sale.

Two pool tables, one billiard table and bowling alley for sale.

HAYES & HURTEAU,

Local Institute.

The Local Institute held in Emporium, March 26, convened in the High School room at 10 a. m, with Prof. Stauffer as chairman. There were present thirty-six teachers.

The speakers for the day were Prof. Sweeny, County Supt., Elk county, who spoke on the subject "How Reading Should be Taught," also spoke on the subject of "Language and Composition." Prof. Sweeny very ably filled the vacancy left by the absence of Prof. Sechrist of Lock Haven. Miss Collins read a paper on "What Children should Read," which subject was then discussed by Profs. Stauffer, Elliott and Sweeny. Prof. Bauer, of St. Marys, gave a most interesting talk on "The Study of a Masterpiece," taking as an illustration Longfellow's "Excelsior." Prof. Suhrie spoke on "The Home and the School." Prof. Elliott, of Renovo, spoke on "The Teachers' Rights." During the day some excellent vocal music was rendered by the High School Chorus, and some fine instrumental selections were performed by Misses Ada Hockley, Forence Card, Flossie Taggart, Grace, Eva and Iva Leet. A large number of visitors representing Emporium's prominent citizens were present during the afternoon session; also five members of the Emporium School Board and some other school directors from the country districts were present to encourage by their kindly interest the work of the Institute.

AN APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.

Splendid Picture of the Cruiser Philadelphia to be Given Away Free.

The publishers of the great Philadelphia Sunday "Press" announce that with every copy of next Sunday's "Press" (April 3), will be given free a fine picture of the Cruiser Philadelphia. This picture will be a companion to the picture of the Battleship Maine, which was recently given away by "The Sunday Press," and will be an appeal to patriotism. It will be larger than the Maine picture, printed in eleven colors, and will be well worth framing. Next Sunday's "Press" will be 50 pages with an eight page comic section in colors, so that altogether the offer is remarkable. The publishers announce that the supply of Philadelphia pictures is limited, so that it is well for everybody to place their orders at once.

Gave the Officers the Slip.

The burglar, Buzz Mundy and his pal Frizbee, who burglarized the jewelry store and tailor shop in Austin a few nights ago and for whose arrest a reward of $50 was offered by the authorities at Austin, were arrested yesterday at Mt. Jewett by the officers of the that place who had been on the look out for them. Mundy, however, knew that if he was once more within the walls of our county jail he would have to suffer the full penalty of the law, succeeded in giving the officers the slip and departed for more congenial surroundings. Frizbee was not so fortunate, however, and was safely confined at Mt. Jewett, pending the arrival of the Austin officers who will undoubtedly bring him on here to-day or to-morrow when he will be placed in the custody of Sheriff Gillon.—Coudersport Enterprise.

War News.

THE PRESS to-day publishes the President's Message and the report of the Inquiry on the destruction of the Maine, as well as the latest authentic news. We do not believe in yellow kid fake news and thus far have kept the like from these columns.

Cut Flowers.

For sale Saturday afternoon and evening, at M. M. Larrabee's store, by Class No. 10, of the M. E. Sunday School. All orders for Easter flowers and plants will receive prompt attention.

Big Improvement.

The recent improvements made by Wm. McGee at the City Hotel have greatly improved the interior of that popular house.

Painting Lessons.

Mrs. E. O. Bardwell is prepared to give lessons in painting to any who may wish such lessons, at very reasonble rates. 3-3t

Thoroughbred Stock.

White Leghorn eggs from thoroughbred birds. Best layers in the country. Eggs large and plenty of them. Orders received now.

R. C. DODSON.

Emporium, Pa.—2-tf

Pure Bred.

Cornish Indian Game, Golden Wyandottes and S. C. Brown Leghorns' eggs $1.00 for fifteen.

I. F. OSTRUM.

Emporium, Pa.—2-3m

Mason Hillite Objects.

Editor Press:—

Allow me just a small space in the PRESS to say a word in justification of that young man who was slanderously misrepresented in the last Mason Hill letter, by your smart (?) correspondent. We were very much surprised when we saw the article, not having heard of any such racket. This item done no good, but untold injury, which your scribe will find out sooner or later. After seeing this item we took steps to seek the truth of the matter and saw Walter Barr, who was present in the school house at the time, and for truth and veracity Walter stands head and shoulders above the one who wrote that slanderous item, and he (Walter) says there was just as much noise inside as out. We cannot find any excuse for such language as appeared in that letter and would say, Mr. Editor, if you would only admit into your paper such letters as any one would not be ashamed to let their names be printed at the bottom, we would be saved much trouble and better friends in the neighborhood.

J. M. ENGLISH.

March 28, 1898.

[It is not the desire of the PRESS to admit to its columns any item calculated to injure the feelings of any one and it is our intention to keep our correspondents down to facts and free from flings at neighbors. While we are always pleased to give our readers all the news we must insist that our correspondents confine their letters to news and facts. We cannot allow misrepresentations. For some unaccountable reason Mason Hill seems to find fault with any and all correspondence coming from that quarter and leads as to believe that where there is so much smoke there must be a little fire. Our good friend English, for whom we entertain the highest regard, we hope will assist us in the future in procuring an interesting letter from Mason Hill.]—EDITOR.

Mason Hill Letter.

Truth sometimes cuts like a saber.

Tom Patchel, of Driftwood, drove over the hill on Sunday.

Bud Duell, of Dent's Run, was the guest of O. B. Tanner on Sunday.

W. P. Barr, of Huston Hill, had business here on Friday.

Daddy Kailbourne, formerly of this place, but now of Huntley, attended church on Thursday night.

J. S. Farley and Huntley Miller attended the funeral of P. P. Painter, at Dents Run on Thursday.

Miss Ida Jordan, of Huntley, and Miss Lupro, of Sinnemahoning, visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams, of Huston Hill, were the guests of Mrs. Miller, on Friday.

H. M. Bailey attended the Democratic committee meeting at Emporium on Wednesday.

It is rumored that two of our young men have volunteered to fight Spain—who were licked by a woman about a year ago.

Items are scarce and hard to find. Your correspondent thinks he might keep up an interest by lieing a little, but, Washington-like, I can't do that.

March 28, 1868. DING.

For The Good Wife.

Anything made of sugar, eggs and milk should not reach the boiling point.

Oil cloths should never have soap used when washing them, as the lye will destroy the colors and finish. They are greatly benefited and last much longer if a thin coat of varnish is applied once a year

In making the meringues for a pie never use less than the whites of two eggs. Take one tablespoonful of pulverized sugar to one egg. Allow the pie to cool. Then spread the meringue, which has been beaten as light as possible, over it. Be careful to spread the meringue over the crust. Place in a cool oven until a delicate fawn color.

To remove paint from window glass take some strong vinegar and heat it very hot. Wet a cloth in the hot liquid and wash the glass with it and the paint will come off readily. A strong solution of oxalis acid will also remove dry paint.

With a Whoop.

Hon. C. W. Stone carried the Lawrence county Republican convention with a whoop. The handwriting is on the wall—the people demand the nomination of Gov. Stone and the will of the people must be respected.

Miss Margaret B. French, died last Friday in a New York hospital. She was a resident of Emporium last year and graduated from the high school last May. Her untimely death is deeply regretted by her friends. She was in her 20th year.

Pressed Bricks.

The latest styles in shirts at Soble's.

A new lot of trunks and valises at Soble's.

Finest line of spring clothing and furnishing goods at Seger's.

Robert W. Flower, formerly a resident of Cameron, died in Lock Haven last week.

The Jewel Coffee Mill works are working day and nights, to fill their orders. Glad to hear it.

Chas. Hall, a Clear Creek farmer, owns a cow that has given birth to four standing calves within eleven months.

Frank Craven expects to get in his logs this week, if Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Logan don't fail to put in an appearance.

We have just received the nobbiest line of this spring's hats in this vicinity. Call and see them. No trouble to show goods. JOHN J. SOBLE.

"Old Dan," C. B. Howard & Co.'s engine has returned from Renovo shops, where it has been thoroughly overhauled.

Howard & Company's mill commenced operations, on Monday, for the season. They employ in the mill and yard about eighty-five men.

Have you seen our line of this spring's shoes. We have them both in russet and black. We have no old style shoes since our auction sale.

JOHN J. SOBLE.

The Intermediate class in the Baptist Sunday school, will give a baked bean and brown bread supper in the basement Friday evening, April 1st, from 5:30 until all are served.

Ballard's Snow Liniment is the most penetrating liniment in the world. It cures pain and inflammation of all kinds quicker than any other known remedy. Every bottle guaranteed. L. Taggart.

That mammoth stock of clothing at N. Seger's astonishes the natives. Nothing like it ever seen in this section. Mr. Seger says he has never in all his years of business experience in Emporium purchased such a large line of clothing and furnishing goods.

Mrs. Delbert Reed, aged 31 years, died at the family residence on Moore Hill last Sunday. The funeral was held at the residence, on Tuesday, at 3 p. m. The remains were laid to rest in the More Hill cemetery. Elder Joshua Selley, Latter-Day Saints, officiated and preached the funeral sermon.

Delos Burlingame of Sizerville, Pa., and Mrs. Laura Ann Carter, of Colegrove, were in attendance at the funeral of their brother, the late H. W. Burlingame, in this borough last Saturday. Mr. Burlingame and Mrs Carter are the last survivors of five children of the late Isaac Burlingame, one of the earliest settlers in Norwich township.—Smethport Democrat.

The *American Economist* of March 25th presents in the form of a pictorial supplement an unique and interesting array of drawings and cartoons selected from the files of that paper for the past three years. The illustrations, several hundred in number, emphasize in a peculiarly forcible manner the strength of the doctrine of protection as an active, living political issue, and also demonstrates with what vigor and aggressiveness this doctrine has been expounded by the American Protective Tariff League.

Ward Metzger, of this borough, will start for the Klondike about April 1st. He is boxing his household goods preparatory to moving them to Emporium, where his family will reside during his absence. Mr Metzger is one of a party of four that will go to Seattle where they will construct a steamer which they propose to haul overland in sections to Teslin. At the last named place the steamer will be put together and will ply between Teslin and Dawson City on the Youkon river, for the accommodation of passengers and their baggage. The fare up the stream from Teslin to Dawson City will only be $150.00, and on the return trip $100. Their steamer will conveniently carry fifteen passengers. Mr. Metzger is a man possessed of a rigid constitution, perserving will powers, very energetic, and goes there determined to make a barrel of money and we join in with his many Galeton friends in hoping that his expedition will be exceedingly profitable in every detail. We have made arrangements with Mr. Metzger to act as our special correspondent from that much-talked-of country, and our readers will soon be treated with a series of interesting letters giving a detailed account of his trip and other bits of information that will add spice and interest in the matter.—Galeton Dispatch.

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Rates by the year, or for six or three months, are low and uniform, and will be furnished on application.

Legal and Official Advertising per square, three times or less, $2; each subsequent insertion 50 cents per square.

Local notices 10 cents per line for one insertion; 5 cents per line for each subsequent consecutive insertion.

Obituary notices over five lines, 10 cents per line. Simple announcements of births, marriages and deaths will be inserted free.

Business cards, five lines or less, $5 per year; over five lines, at the regular rates of advertising.

No local inserted for less than 75 cents per issue.

JOB PRINTING.

The Job department of the PRESS is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work. PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO LAW PRINTING.

No paper will be discontinued ntil arrearages are paid, except at the option of the publisher.

Papers sent out of the county must be paid for in advance.

Women in France have just secured a slight addition to their legal rights. They may henceforth be valid witnesses to registration of births, marriages, and deaths, and to the signatures in legal documents.

The Charlotte Smith who wants to have Boston girls enlist for the Cuban war is the same person who desired to have marriage made compulsory. Charlotte ought to be put under bonds to keep the peace.

Prof. James E. Keeler, who has just been elected director of the Lick observatory to succeed Prof. Edward S. Holden, was the discoverer of the fact that the rings of Saturn are composed of small satellites.

A gun tested near Washington recently threw a shell over ten miles, which means that a hostile ship would be under fire for 20 miles in passing a battery. Such target practice will make it interesting for the ship.

Candles, candles everywhere. That is the lighting custom in Sweden, where one firm turns out for home use annually about 21,000,000 of candles of all sizes, from two to seven feet in length. In the larger cities electricity has been introduced to a limited extent, but among the people candles are as much as ever a necessary household convenience.

An official declaration as to what a "torpedo boat destroyer" is would relieve the uncertainty in the minds of many persons who are unable to decide whether a torpedo boat destroyer is a boat that destroys other boats by means of torpedoes, a thing that destroys torpedo boats, a torpedo boat that destroys anything, or simply a torpedo that destroys boats.

When the men of science get squarely down to business they will doubtless be able to show that the human family mainly lives on bacteria and the microbe family. A London professor has just solemnly announced that "the average human being consumes 30,000 microbes daily." The chances are that he has been doing that ever since Adam was in the Garden of Eden.

A little girl in a New York school screamed at the sight of a mouse. The children became panic-stricken and rushed screaming out of the room, the teacher ordered a fire drill, a fire alarm was rung in, distracted parents fought to enter the building and save their children from the supposed flames. And all for one small mouse. Rash is the man that dares to laugh at the feminine fear of a mouse!

Though 30 years have passed since Maximilian was shot in Mexico his brother, the emperor of Austria, always holds memorial services on June 19, the anniversary of that tragic event. At the castle of Miramar, near Trieste on the Adriatic, the rooms occupied b Archduke Maximilian before leaving for the new world are kept, by the emperor's orders, just as his brother left them when he went to his death.

So much interest is at present being manifested in the United States army and navy that the relative rank of officers in the two branches of service is herewith given, lineal rank only being considered: General with admiral, lieutenant general with vice admiral, major general with rear admiral, brigadier general with commodore, colonel with captain, lieutenant colonel with commander, major with lieutenant commander, captain with lieutenant, first lieutenant with lieutenant (junior grade), second lieutenant with ensign.

The attorney-general of Colorado has furnished an opinion that there is no law for women in that state dropping their maiden name on the simple excuse of a wedding. The question calling for the decision came from a woman notary public who was recently married. She asked under what name she should continue to exist officially, and was gratified with the announcement that she must sign all documents as before marriage, for, the attorney-general says, "there is no authority for a change of name at marriage or any other time."

H. O. Weaver, of the United States commission of fish and fisheries, has sent a report to Wisconsin fishermen on the fisheries of Lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie. He says that the herring catch of Lake Michigan for the last year was over 22,000,000 pounds. This greatly exceeds the production of any previous year covered by the commission's reports, and for the first time in the history of the great lakes surpasses the herring catch on Lake Erie, where the yield was slightly under 20,000,000 pounds. The trout catch has been light the past season.

THE POWER OF CREDIT

Sound Money Essential to American Enterprise.

Secretary Gage Discourses Upon the Prime Requisites in Our Commercial Life—No Change of Standard.

The chamber of commerce of Pittsburgh gave its annual banquet Saturday, March 19, at which Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the national treasury, was present as the guest of honor and principal speaker. In his speech Mr. Gage touched upon the many questions as follows:

"Should a visitor from some alien planet, where the conditions of life did not require that man should eat his bread in the sweat of his brow, come to our country; should he here obtain a vantage ground where his eye could command its whole extent; could he thus observe the detailed movement of multiplied human activities, he would, if an intelligent and reasoning being, find occasion for both wonder and reflection. He would see everywhere, men toiling in the field, in the shop and in the factory. He would see trains of cars being loaded with the product of the forest, the mine, the factory, and the farm, or speeding away to discharge at some distant point their enormous burdens. In short, he would find our land a hive of industry.

"If this visitor were a reasoning being he would want to know how all this enormous exchange of labor for products and products for labor was accomplished. If he asked one of our inhabitants this question—even one of more than average intelligence—the prompt answer would probably be: 'Why, money does it. All these things are exchanged for money, and money is exchanged for all these things. Everybody wants money, because it will buy all these things, and everybody wants more or less of these things, and money will buy them; therefore everybody wants money.'

"Money is not the main active agent that operates to accomplish this enormous volume of production and exchange. It is true that all exchanges are effected in terms of money, but the real operating agent is credit and the instruments which embody or represent it.

Power of Credit.

"It is my purpose to emphasize the superior power of credit in the affairs of men, and to consider briefly those influences which hinder or help its action. There is in sight in our country a volume of money—gold and silver alone considered, all forms of paper money themselves being credit instruments—something like $1,000,000,000, but in fairly prosperous times, like the present, the volume of credits, operating in productivity and exchange, is equal to at least $15,000,000,000. If we can picture it as a stream or a river, we can fairly say the rise and fall of this stream registers industrial expansion or contraction. It is fed—this energizing stream—not from physical waters coming down from snowclad mountains. Its sources are in the minds of men.

"It is not a misuse of language to say, credit, with its multiform instruments, is the real money of commerce. As transactions increase, it increases; as industry halts, its volume is reduced. It is created as transfers of goods and wares take place. It expires or is canceled in final settlements through the bank or the clearing-house. It is always sufficient to itself.

"Whatever disturbs these general faiths and confidences unsettles commerce and disturbs industry. Unhappily, the disturbing influences are numerous, and by their interposition from time to time, suffering and ruin result. Wars, the fears of war, crop failures, widespread industrial revolts, shocks arising from the betrayal of great fiduciary duties—these are some of the adverse influences But none of these, nor several of them associated, are as harmful as are the doubts and fears which arise from the apprehension of a radical change in the money standard, to which all commodities and all credits stand finally related.

Basis of Doctrine.

"And yet we find a great party, in blind disregard of this fact, placing, as a foundation stone to their political doctrine, a proposition charged with the most destructive consequences to our commercial and industrial life. This proposition is urged upon the people with a fanatic zeal which would inspire admiration if enlisted in a useful or noble cause. But it is a zeal born out of nonreason, stimulated by prejudice and fed by passion.

"The farmer must employ labor, and yet carry the risk of droughts and floods and take his chance of the markets for his ultimate realization. The manufacturer must embark his fortune in his buildings and machines. He must employ labor and provide for its payment. The merchant is subject to the same general rules of action. The banker's relation—not less important—is perhaps more delicate and more involved than either of the others. Popularly supposed to be a dealer in money, he is so only in an incidental and necessary way. He is really a dealer in credit.

"And yet it is against these that the political leaders of discontent fulminate their burning denunciations. They claim that the money standard, to which for 60 years our industrial affairs have been related, is an oppression and a hindrance to prosperity. They charge that its maintenance is the result of a conspiracy born of 'insatiable sordid greed.' They seek to push our industrial social fabric from the good foundation of the world's money on to the shifting, uncertain sands of an obsolete silverism.

Era of Progress.

"In spite of the unsettling influence of their doctrines, which have again and again alarmed the forces that make for progress, which have more than once sent capital into hiding, crippled industry, and sent labor into idleness, the evidences are everywhere that we are in a state of progress, not decadence. Let me cite a few of the evidences: Within 25 years (according to them, the period of our decline) our population has increased 62 per cent. Wealth has increased in a ratio three times as great as the population. That the distribution of increased wealth has been general is proved by the savings banks, the number of whose depositors and their aggregated accumulations having grown ratable with the increase of wealth.

"Our foreign commerce—now well on to $2,000,000,000—has increased in its ratio to population. During these 25 years the foreign commerce of Great Britain increased 13 per cent., that of the United States 51 per cent. Compared with Mexico, the idyllic land of the silverite, our export trade has increased 118 per cent., against an increase in Mexico of 27 per cent.

"What of our domestic affairs? Our railroads have increased in mileage from 70,000 in 1873 to nearly 200,000 miles in 1897, with a reduction in cost of freight carriage of 65 per cent. The mileage of telegraph lines has, during the same period, increased from 154,000 miles to over 800,000 miles, with an average reduction in message toll of 40 per cent. The production of raw iron has increased from less than 2,000,000 tons per annum to about 12,000,000 tons; coal, from 47,000,000 tons to 180,000,000 tons; petroleum, from 6,000,000 barrels to 60,000,000 barrels.

Policy of Wisdom.

"Do not the most common prudential considerations dictate adhesion to a money standard which has been contemporaneous with this great progress, if not an efficient factor therein? Benton and Jackson, more than 60 years ago, argued its superiority, and by their efforts the gold standard came into practical use with us. Are we who seek to preserve the good they secured to be condemned by their alleged followers?

"Second only in importance to a sound currency is a banking system adequate or capable of self-adjustment to the public needs.

"Can we not learn useful lessons from others? Is the experience of the world to be despised? Can the stern decrees carried by the laws of our economic life be successfully challenged? Can they be rescinded or repealed by the wild impulses of the inconsiderate?

"In a free social state the individual man is clothed with the power and responsibility of self-direction. His well-being depends upon his ability to comprehend and his willingness to obey the physical and moral laws with which nature has environed him. In a government like our own a similar power of self-direction exists. It is a high privilege and carries with it great responsibilities. Like the individual man, the nation's well-being depends upon its ability to discern and obey the economic and moral laws which environ it."

PROFESSOR MOMMSEN.

Peculiarities of the Great German Scholar.

Many of the stories about the extreme absent-mindedness of some unnamed German professor had their origin in tales actually told—perhaps with not much care in verification—of Prof. Theodor Mommsen, of Berlin, a great German historical scholar and liberal politician.

Although the herr professor recently passed his eightieth birthday, he is said to be still in the height of his productiveness, active and energetic, a writer, a teacher and a causeur. He adopts the axiom of Goethe, which is not popular with most old men: "When a man is old he must do more than when he is young."

He is certainly no more absent-minded in his old age than he was when he was younger. He has a family of ten living children and several grandchildren, and has always been fond of them all and not averse to taking care of them; but woe to any infant of whom he might have charge if his mind became seized by scholarly preoccupations!

It is related that when his first child was a baby it was in his charge one day in his study. Wishing to make some inquiry from his library, he deposited the baby in the waste basket and forgot all about it; but presently the baby began to cry loudly.

At last the sound disturbed even the absent-minded student, whose thoughts were, and remained, on his study. Conscious only of a loud noise, he seized a quantity of loose papers and carefully covered the child with them to muffle the sound!

On another occasion—so the story goes—Prof. Mommsen was going in a street car from Berlin to Charlottenburg, taking with him his little son. By and by the boy began to wriggle about and make a great deal of noise. By this time his father was meditating profoundly. The boy's racket soon disturbed his meditations. It seemed to the professor that it must be an extremely ill-bred child that would make a disturbance in a public place; he would see if he could not quiet him; but first he would find out who he was.

"Little boy," he said, sharply, "what is your name?"

Naturally the small boy thought it strange to be asked his name by his own father, but he responded, politely: "The same as yours, sir."

"The same as mine!" The professor's attention was now aroused by this appeal to his ego, and the spell was broken. He took up his progeny, to the tremendous amusement of the people in the car, and gave him a good shaking. —Youth's Companion.

NOBLEMAN AND FRONTIERSMAN

The Greatest Hunting Expedition on Record.

Sir George Gore, a wealthy Irish sportsman, began in 1855 a hunting expedition among the Rocky mountains which occupied two years and exceeded anything of the kind ever seen on this continent. The outfit consisted of 50 persons, including secretaries, a steward, cooks, flymakers, dog tenders, servants, a train of 30 wagons and numerous saddle horses and dogs.

"Old Jim Bridger" was Sir George's guide and interpreter, and no man on the frontier knew the glens and passes of the mountains so accurately as he did. Though illiterate and as unconventional as an Indian, Bridger was honest, kind, generous and shrewd—just the man to attract the Irish sportsman.

In his "Old Santa Fe Trail" Col. Inman describes the companionship of the two men—one a rich, educated, whole-souled Irish nobleman, the other a man who from boyhood had lived on the plains, depending on his tact and rifle for food and life.

Sir George would lie in bed until ten o'clock in the morning; then he took a bath, ate his breakfast and set out generally alone for the day's hunt. It was not unusual for him to remain out until ten at night, and he seldom returned without "meat." His dinner was then served, to which he extended an invitation to Bridger.

After the meal was over Sir George was in the habit of reading from some book and drawing out from Bridger his ideas about the author.

The Irishman usually read from Shakespeare, which Bridger "reckin'd was too highfalutin" for him.

"Thet thar big Dutchman, Mr. Fullstuff," he commented, "was a leetle too fond of lager beer."

Sir George read the "Adventures of Baron Munchausen" to Bridger, who remarked that "he be dog-goned ef he swallowed everything that thar baron said." He thought he was "a liar," yet acknowledged that some of his own adventures among the Blackfeet would be equally wonderful "if writ down in a book."

Bridger thought Sir George a successful hunter, an opinion justified by the records of the two-years' hunt — 40 grizzly bears, 2,500 buffalo, numerous antelope and other small game.—Youth's Companion

Rivals.

Perdita—We have discovered that we are rivals, you know.

Tom Barry—Ah, you both love the same fellow?

"Oh, no—but the same fellow loves both of us."- Ainslee's Magazine.

ADMIRABLE CONFIDENCE.

The announcement of the Pope Manufacturing Company last week that they guaranteed to maintain list prices on Columbia, Hartford and Vedette bicycles, as published in their 1898 catalogue during the season ending October 1st, had a clarifying effect upon the trade atmosphere, and relieved the feeling of uncertainty and anxiety that had existed for some time, among both buyers and sellers, as nothing else could have done.

That a company which holds undisputed leadership as regards financial strength, the amount of capital invested, size of their plant, and the quantity and quality of their product, should at the very beginning of the season publicly proclaim their confidence in the outlook for the year's business and their belief that a discerning public would demand and be willing to pay for the best product of the cycle builder's art, is a fact that has given the trade cause for self-congratulation throughout the land, and will have a tendency to put to rout the pessimists who have been rushing into print with statements to the effect that no one knew where the bottom of the cycle market was.

The public has had experience with these calamity howlers, and will not let the Spring slip by, with its beautiful days and fragrant air, waiting for low prices that can never come on the best wheels. The bicycle has become a staple article of commerce; to the vast majority of cyclists, a necessity, not a luxury. Just as there is a demand for jeans pants, shoddy made clothing, brogan shoes and calico dresses, there will also be a limited market for cheap and poorly made bicycles. But the great middle class of American citizens, who can afford meat three times a day, and sugar in their coffee, those in the higher walks of life, and the leisure class, will look below the enamel of bicycles before purchasing. To these, quality will appeal as strongly as price, and they will only buy bicycles made by manufacturers whose reputation, facilities and business methods give stability to their guarantees.

Coming from the Pope Manufacturing Company, this unequivocal agreement to maintain list prices on their '98 product throughout the season, probably carries more weight than it would from any other source. By 21 years of fair dealing, the Pope Manufacturing Company have gained the full confidence of the riding public. The public has come to understand that this Company never acts rashly or unadvisedly, that they carefully weigh the "pros and cons" of any step before taking it, but once having adopted a policy they have the ability and inclination to carry it out to the letter. Thinking cyclists will therefore conclude that the Pope Manufacturing Company must have ample and substantial assurance that there is a healthy demand for high grade bicycles built of the best material and manufactured carefully and correctly as to mechanical detail, by the most modern and improved machinery and well paid labor.

When it is known that up to March 1st, the Pope Manufacturing Company have shipped to their customers, over 3,000 Columbia Bevel Gear Chainless bicycles, this conclusion becomes a certainty.

THE INGENIOUS MAN.

His Invention Was Forgotten in Time of Need.

He was a very ingenious man. He had made an invention which was of great value. He thought so, at least, if the world did not, and he had his invention patented. It was a combination camp-stool, cane and umbrella. The cane was the usual form of the invention. At a big parade nothing could be more convenient, and for an ordinary, unexpected rainstorm, what could be better? A man is sure to have his walking stick with him.

It was not so very long after the invention had been perfected that the man was out walking with his wife, and a sudden shower came up. There were no cars accessible, and the only thing to do was to run, and the unlucky pair did this with a vengeance, reaching the house hot, uncomfortable, and pretty wet.

"Well, we are here at last," said the man, drawing a long breath of relief.

"Yes," said the wife, disconsolately, "but I think I have ruined my new bonnet. And, John Smith," she added, suddenly with a little scream, "what do you think you have done? You had that old invention of yours—cane-camp-stool-umbrella affair—in your hand all the time ready for an emergency, and forgot to use it."

The man tells the story, and thinks it is a great joke.—N. Y. Times.

HE MEANT WELL.

But His Carelessness Got Him Into Trouble with His Girl.

A young gentleman, whose gallantry was largely in excess of his pecuniary means, sought to remedy this defect and save the money required for the purchase of expensive flowers by arranging with a gardener to let him have a bouquet from time to time in return for his cast-off clothes.

It thus happened one day that he received a bunch of the most beautiful roses, which he at once sent off to his lady love. In sure anticipation of a friendly welcome he called at the house of the lady the same evening and was not a little surprised at the frosty reception he met with.

"You sent me a note to-day," the young lady remarked, after a pause, in the most frigid tones.

"I—a note?" he inquired, in blank astonishment.

"Certainly; along with some flowers."

"To be sure I sent you some flowers."

"And there was a note inside—do you still mean to deny it?"

With these words she handed the dumfounded swain a scrap of paper, on which the following words were written: "Don't forget the old trousers you promised me the other day."—Tit-Bits.

Rough!

Klondike Soubrette—Say, I'm getting tired of doing my dance here, on gold dust every night. Haven't you any sand?

Stage Manager—Sorry, Maude, but it's all gone. Did hev a big box full, but ther boys used it for chasers after swallowing frozen whisky. N Y Journal

She Took Him Up.

He—I will love you through time and eternity. Give me hope.

She—All right, come around again in a couple of thousand years.—N. Y World.

A STEER'S STRANGE DEATH.

His Horns Grew Through His Eyes and Killed Him.

A squatter in the back blocks of New South Wales had a young steer with horns so perfectly turned that they formed two artistic loops at the sides of his head. One day "Boss" strayed with a mob of store cattle into a piece of wild country infested only by kangaroos and the out-station boundary riders' families.

These cattle are rounded up and otherwise handled but once a year. Before this annual yarding took place "Boss" had become a fractious terror to every animal and man in that range. He had terrified and scattered the herd that was once his mates; he had charged madly every kind person who was wont to pat him. Because his horns curled like those of a sheep he was called "Sheep Head." His mild, tractable nature added to this delusion of likening him to a lamb. Six months after his entrance upon the range he began to act strangely. A wild look shot out of his eye under the points of the ingrowing horns, whose shadow fell heavier and heavier upon the retina. He constantly shook his head, as if trying to rid himself of some annoyance. Then "Boss" would stand and stare at the points which were pressing the pupils nearly up against the sockets. He became more irritable and unfriendly. He roared, stamped, shook his crazed head and stared at the creeping things before his vision.

At last "Boss" went mad and bellowed through the night like an enraged demon. He chased everything in sight, and viciously dashed himself against the forest trees. The mere tramp of a foot angered him. The points of the horns were cruelly pressing his helpless eyes back in their sockets, and every jar upon the ground tortured his brain and enraged him. "Boss" had scattered the mob of his ruminating mates and had so terriorized the few people about that fences did not give a sense of security. Women and children lived in mortal dread of the unfortunate beast.

At length his maddened roar was heard no more. About a month after that the out-boundary rider went out with dogs and a Winchester rifle to end the suffering of "Sheep Head Boss." After searching for two days the bullock was found. "Boss" was dead. He was lying under a clump of acacia, less sweet than their blossoms. He had evidently been dead for a week or more and had been blind for months. The horns had grown into the eyes and almost touched the bone of the skull behind. The head of the poor beast was as strange an object as ever was seen.

The horns of "Boss" were never curved by any art. They grew as nature directed their fatal tips, and, unless sent to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, England, the preserved head still hangs upon the door of the Darling out-station, where "Boss" lived and died.—Washington Star.

Whenever we hear the women talk indignantly because another woman is spoiling her husband, we hunt him up to congratulate him.—Atchison Globe.

Success is a swinging door; it has no knob, and you can only get on the other side by having "push."—Detroit Free Press.

Dixon—"I don't believe young Shortleigh is half as extravagant as people say he is." Hixon—"Perhaps not, but I've noticed that he has a suit of clothes for every day in the week." Dixon—"Is that so? Why, he always had the same suit on every time I met him." Hixon—"Well, that's the one."—Chicago News.

At the Play.—Kippax—"You seem very much affected at the tragic fate of Juliet, Miss Sniffen; I thought I saw tears in your eyes." Miss Sniffen—"Yes, Mr. Kippax, it does seem so sad to think that the lady who played Juliet is not really dead!"—Truth.

Diggs—"Hanks doesn't seem to have any pity for the unfortunates of this great city." Figgs—"From what do you judge that?" Diggs—"I saw him put a 40-page Sunday paper into the slot of the hospital box."—Harlem Life.

There is not plenty of room at the top; and it takes an acrobat to stick on after he gets there.—Detroit Free Press.

The Duelists' Danger.—"We'll sthand back ter back, count tin, walk sivin stips, thin tur-rn roun' and foire." "Thot's all roight enuff, Doolin, but whot guaranty hov Oi yez won't kick me when me back's turned?"—Life.

"That man Williams never lost his head in a football game yet, did he?" "No, I think not. He's lost an ear, part of his nose, eight teeth; but I do not remember ever hearing of his losing his head."—Tit-Bits.

Mrs. A.—"I think your husband is a very quiet dresser." Mrs. B.—"H'm! You might change your opinion if you heard him looking for his clothes some mornings."—Browning, King & Co.'s Monthly.

Another Question.—"He has a bright future ahead of him." "But do you really think he'll ever catch up with it?"—Puck.

Some people are so slow that they irritate other people to go too fast and fall overboard.—Detroit Free Press.

GAINED 22 POUNDS IN 5 WEEKS

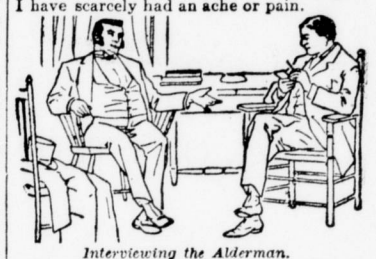
From the By-Stander, Macomb, Ill.

Alderman Louis W. Camp, of our city, has quite astonished his friends of late, by a remarkable gain in weight. He has gained 22 pounds in five weeks. Those of his friends who do not know the facts of his sickness will read with interest the following:

"I was broken down in health and utterly miserable," said Mr. Camp to our reporter. "I was unable to work much of the time and so badly afflicted with a form of stomach trouble that life was a veritable nightmare.

"I tried various remedies, but during the six months of my sickness I obtained no relief. I had always been a robust, healthy man and sickness bore heavily upon me.

"About two years ago I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I purchased one box and received so much benefit that I used five more and was entirely cured. I gained twenty-two pounds in five weeks. Since I stopped taking the pills I have scarcely had an ache or pain.



Interviewing the Alderman.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills restored me to health, and I most heartily recommend them."

L. W. Camp on oath says that the foregoing statement is true.

W. W. MELOAN, Notary Public.

Following is the physician's certificate as to Mr. Camp's present condition:

I am a regularly licensed physician of Macomb, McDonough County, Ill. I have very recently examined Mr. L. W. Camp as to his general physical condition, and find the same to be all that could be desired, appetite and digestion good, sleeps well, and has all the evidences of being in a good physical condition.

SAM'L RUSSELL, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1897.

W. W. MELOAN, Notary Public.

A REALLY INTELLIGENT JURY.

The Verdict Was in Accordance with the Evidence.

"It was the funniest thing I ever saw in a courtroom," laughed the veteran of the bar, who was enjoying an informal smoker with his brethren. "I was in the new west then, trying to get a good start. One of the residents had mysteriously disappeared, and his wife was arrested under a suspicion that she might be responsible for the fact. I defended her.

"On the stand she was simply irrepressible. I only got to ask her one question. That was more than plenty. She talked precisely as though she were wound up and could not stop until the mainspring was completely relaxed. In the midst of her tirade she was interrupted by an inquiry by one of the jurors.

"'Who are you talkin' to, Bill Spriggins,' she shouted. 'I don't 'low no cattle like you to be quizzin' me. Ef you don't know how to treat your betters, I'll learn you, you pin-headed coyote. Ef my husband was here he'd perferate you mighty quick, and I know it. But I kin take care of myself ef I am a lone woman. I'm here to tell what I know, and I'm goin' to do it if it spills blood.'

"There was no staying her deluge of words and the judge was at last driven by sheer desperation to tell the jury to retire and do the best it could with the facts in its possession.

"When the jury came back Bill Spriggins, as foreman, stood up to give the verdict. 'We find,' he said, 'that this here man Meekham has diserpeared at the han's of some persing or persings unknown. We find further that we are unanermous in surspectin' as how he mighter been talked to death by his said wife.' It took the sheriff and all his deputies to hold her."—Detroit Free Press.

NOT AN ART ELEVATOR.

One Girl Who Was Satisfied to Paint Pictures.

The art student shook her head in whimsical protest. She has just come back from six years' study in the Paris studios, where she had the reputation of being a talented, conscientious and ambitious worker.

"I am glad to be at home again," she said; "but everybody takes things so seriously over here. At least the girl art students do. They haven't the pluck to get down at the bottom and dig away on first principles in a way that every Frenchman thinks perfectly natural; but they are awfully busy with ideals. They belong to clubs for elevating all sorts of things. I've been buttonholed on every corner by people who want me to join clubs. The day I got into my studio some of my old friends came to see me, girls I had worked with before I went abroad. They all looked deadly serious, and of them struck a Curtius-dedicating-his-life-to-his-country pose and said solemnly:

"'Margaret, we need you. You must help us elevate American art.'

"I just tucked a pillow behind my head and said: 'I'll be hanged if I do. I'm going to paint pictures.'

"They are terribly disappointed in me. I don't breakfast until ten. I can't do honest hard work, with my best force, on less than ten hours' sleep, and so I take it; but it seems nobody can elevate art and sleep in the mornings. I'm willing to give up my swell studio and go over on Tenth avenue to live in one room and work as I please rather than paint things I don't believe in because they would sell; but I'm using what nerve force I have on my work, and so the girls think I am unregenerate. Club me no clubs. My club is a maul stick."—N. Y. Sun.

How many petitions have you signed without knowing what they were all about? —Rural New Yorker.

A DOCTOR'S DIRECTIONS.

They save a daughter from blindness.

When a father writes that yours "is the best medicine in the world," you can allow something for seeming extravagance in the statement if you know that the medicine so praised, cured a loved daughter of disease and restored to her the eyesight nearly lost. The best medicine in the world for you is the medicine that cures you. There can't be anything better. No medicine can do more than cure. That is why John S. Goode, of Orrick, Mo., writes in these strong terms:

"Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine in the world. My daughter had a relapse after the measles, due to taking cold. She was nearly blind, and was obliged to remain in a dark room all the time. The doctors could give her no relief; one of them directed me to give her Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Two bottles cured her completely."

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WITH WATER AND WINE.

Two Battleships are Launched and Christened.

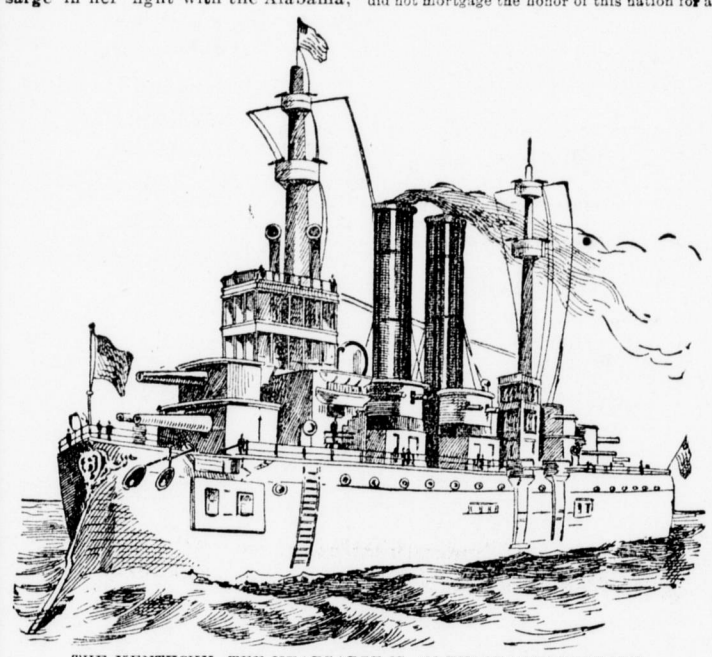
The Kearsarge and Kentucky Take to the Briny Element Like a Pair of Gigantic Ducks—Description of a Notable Event in Naval Annals.

Newport News, Va., March 25.—The first great battleship ever launched from a private yard in the south, kissed the waves in the James river Thursday morning at the immense plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., and a little more than an hour later a second ship, the exact counterpart of the first one except in name, followed. They were christened respectively the Kearsarge and the Kentucky.

CHRISTINE BRADLEY.

"The ship of the nation" was launched first and long before the hour announced for the ceremony fully 18,000 people were around the powerful steel hull of No. 18, as the Kearsarge was known in the shipyard.

Just before the preliminary preparations were finished the christening party arrived and was conducted to the decorated stage at the bow of the Kearsarge. The party was composed of C. B. Orcutt, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; Mrs. Herbert Winslow, sponsor for the Kearsarge, and her maid of honor; Miss Christine Bradley, sponsor for the Kentucky, and her maids of honor; Miss Anna Webb, of Paducah, Ky.; Mrs. William O. Bradley, Gov. Tyler, of Virginia, and staff, and a number of state officials of Kentucky; Lieut. Commander Herbert Winslow, U. S. N., the only surviving son of the captain who commanded the famous old Kearsarge in her fight with the Alabama; members of the house and senate committees on naval affairs and other distinguished visitors from Washington.



THE KENTUCKY—THE KEARSARGE IS AN EXACT COUNTERPART.

All preparations being arranged, a saw severed the pieces that held the Kearsarge in place and the splendid hull started on her journey to the water. As it started Mrs. Winslow broke a bottle of champagne over its bow and exclaimed: "I christen thee Kearsarge."

The christening party then proceeded to the bow of the Kentucky, which vessel was launched at 11:35 a. m. This ceremony was an exact counterpart of the former, except that when the critical moment arrived Miss Christine Bradley broke a bottle of water from the spring on the old Lincoln farm, and said: "I christen thee Kentucky." Then as the vessel started down the ways several bottles of old Bourbon whisky were hurled against her sides by Kentuckians who were opposed to the water christening.

These ships, with a displacement of 11,525 tons, draw only 28 feet 6 inches of water, less than the armored cruisers New York and Brooklyn, which would not combined be equal in combat to one of these battleships. Light draft on heavy displacement is only one of the many valuable qualities of these battleships. Save the Indiana class, they carry the heaviest batteries in accord with modern naval practice, and with primary batteries fully equal to that class they mount secondary guns in such fashion as to make the combination almost unequaled in naval architecture. The big rifles, four in number, are mounted in two turrets. The armor is of Harveyized nickel steel.

The Kearsarge and the Kentucky are 368 feet in length, 72 feet 5 inches beam and 23 feet 6 inches draft. They carry normally 410 tons of coal but may take aboard 1,210 tons, and 511 officers, sailors and marines are required to navigate each of them.

The Report is at the Capital.

Washington, March 25.—Lieut. Commander Marix and his naval companions bearing the report of the Maine court of inquiry reached Washington at 9:35 last night. The crowd was so dense at the depot that the party left the train outside the shed and took carriages for the Ebbitt house, where the officers spent the night. They were met at the station by an official of the navy department who informed them that the secretary of the navy would not receive the report last night. The report of the court of inquiry will be read at to-day's cabinet meeting.

A PATRIOTIC ORATION.

Senator Thurston Scores the Money Changers—The Voice of the Stock Gambler the Only One Raised Against Intervention.

Washington, March 25.—A dramatic scene was presented in the senate Thursday during the delivery by Mr. Thurston, of Nebraska, of a speech on the Cuban situation. Not since the inauguration of President McKinley have so many people been on the senate side of the Capitol. Mr. Thurston's first sentence, in which he said he spoke by command of silent lips—a delicate reference to the loss of his wife on his trip to Cuba—commanded instant attention. A hush fell over the great audience which hung with almost breathless attention upon every word.

As he neared the end of the speech he was almost overcome by emotion, but rallied and closed in a manner that thrilled his auditors. Staid senators turned away and wept and in the galleries tears welled to hundreds of eyes.

Mr. Thurston said that he had gone to Cuba believing that the condition of affairs on the island had been greatly exaggerated and that he had directed his efforts in the first instance to the exposure of the supposed exaggerations. He had concluded, however, that any overstatement of the horrors of the situation was impossible. He was prepared not only to adopt every word of the statement of Senator Proctor, but he was even convinced that he had understated the facts.

Mr. Thurston quoted the Cuban plank of the republican national convention of 1896 to show that this nation "should use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island." Then he eulogized President McKinley's course during the past year, but said that it was now too late to recognize either the belligerency or the independence of Cuba. He said he was opposed to annexation. Toward the close he said:

Against the intervention of the United States in this holy cause there is but one voice of dissent; that voice is the voice of the money changers. They fear war. Not because of any Christian or ennobling sentiment against war and in favor of peace, but because they fear that a declaration of war, or the intervention which might result in war, would have a depressing effect upon the stock market. I do not read my duty from the ticker; I do not accept my lessons in patriotism from Wall street. I deprecate war.

War with Spain would increase the business of every American railroad; it would increase the output of every American factory; it would stimulate every branch of domestic commerce; it would greatly increase the demand for American labor. But in the meantime the specter of war would stride through the stock exchanges, and many of the gamblers around the board would find their ill-gotten gains passing to the other side of the table.

Let them go: what one man loses at the gambling table his fellow gamblers win. Let them take their chances as they can. Their weal or woe is of but little importance to the people of the United States. Let the men whose loyalty is to the dollar stand aside while the men whose loyalty is to the flag come to the front.

There are some who insist that the republican party will not act, for they say it sold out to the capitalists and the money changers at the last national election. It is not so. God forbid. The 7,000,000 free men who voted for the republican party and for William McKinley did not mortgage the honor of this nation for a campaign fund, and if the time ever comes when the republican party hesitates in its course of duty because of any undue anxiety for the welfare of the accumulated wealth of the nation, then let the republican party be swept from the face of the earth and be succeeded by some other party, by whatever name it may be called, which will represent the patriotism, the honesty and loyalty that the republican party exhibited under Abraham Lincoln in 1861.

In the cable that moored me to life and hope the strongest strands are broken. I have but little left to offer at the altar of freedom's sacrifice, but all I have I am glad to give. I am ready to serve my country as best I can in the senate or in the field. My dearest hope, my most earnest prayer to God is this, that when death comes to end all, I may meet it calmly and fearlessly as did my beloved, in the cause of humanity, under the American flag.

As Mr. Thurston sank into his seat and buried his face in his hands the galleries were swept by a tumult of applause.

Five Lives Lost in the Flood.

Zanesville, O., March 25.—Fifteen hundred families are homeless, five lives have been lost and nearly $1,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed by the flood. Mrs. James Brennan and child and John Leach were drowned by the overturning of skiffs; Mrs. Nancy Church was drowned in her home and Tim Jones fell from a bridge and was drowned. Two thousand dollars was raised last night for sufferers.

Caused $800,000 Loss.

Indianapolis, March 25.—Railroad men estimate that the loss to the Indianapolis lines because of the recent storm will not be less than $800,000. Trains are now running regularly.

Sigsbee Ordered Home.

Washington, March 25.—Orders were issued yesterday detaching Capt. Sigsbee and other officers from the battleship Maine at Havana and ordering them to proceed home and await orders. Commander Wainwright, who is in special charge of the wrecking operations, will remain at Havana until they are concluded.

Is Out of Politics.

Atlanta, Ga., March 25.—Hon. Thomas E. Watson, who was nominated for governor by the populists, is out in an open letter declining the honor. He announces that he is out of politics for good.

SPAIN'S HOSTILE MOVE.

Her Torpedo Fleet Sails for Porto Rico.

Admiral Sicard is Relieved from Active Duty and Capt. Sampson is to be Given Command of the Squadron in Florida Waters—A Forecast of President McKinley's Cuban Policy.

Washington, March 25.—Thursday was marked by unexampled activity in all official quarters. Advices came that the Spanish torpedo flotilla had sailed from the Canaries for Porto Rico and from this moment energetic warlike measures followed in quick succession. The movement of this fleet has been watched with the keenest interest, as it was felt to involve serious possibilities which might compel our government to protest against the movement as of a hostile character. The fact was made known to the president and a conference was held between him and Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt. The president was advised that naval strategists regarded it as essential that this torpedo fleet should not be allowed to reach western waters. What conclusion was reached is not known.

CAPT. WILLIAM T. SAMPSON.

Later in the day the Spanish minister, Senor Bernabe, called at the state department and spent some time with Mr. Day. It was inferred that the approach of the Spanish flotilla was one of the subjects referred to. Whether, however, there was any suggestion aggainst the move was not disclosed by either Mr. Day or the Spanish minister. Following the flotilla announcement important news followed rapidly. The first was this announcement by Secretary Long, indicating the placing of our squadron and fleet on a war footing:

"Admiral Sicard has been granted leave on account of his health. Capt. Sampson has been made commander of the fleet at Key West. Capt. Evans has been ordered to take command of the battleship Iowa. The orders to the squadron in Hampton Roads have not yet been issued."

It soon became known that Commodore W. S. Schley was slated to command the flying squadron now assembling at Hampton Roads. This announcement was of unusual importance. Admiral Sicard has been in command of the fleet at Key West throughout the critical period of the Maine disaster. Capt. Sampson has been in command of the Iowa, but recently has been conspicuous as president of the Maine court of inquiry. Capt. Evans is better known as "Fighting Bob."

At the close of the day came the announcement that the navy department had purchased eight steam yachts and four steam tugs, presumably at New York, for use in the auxiliary naval fleet. The boats are about 400 tons each and would be suitable as torpedo boats. The yachts purchased are among the fleetest along the Atlantic coast.

The president said to several visitors yesterday that he would do everything consistent with the honor of the country to avert war and he still believed war could be averted. The president acknowledged that he believes the report of the board of inquiry will find that the Maine was blown up from the outside.

His programme has been definitely decided. It is his purpose to treat the blowing up of the Maine as an incident. The report of the board will be sent to congress on Monday with a brief message relating the events leading up to that point and informing congress that the facts contained in the report have been cabled to Madrid to be laid before the Spanish government by Minister Woodford. No demand will be made upon Spain, but the laying of the facts before the Spanish government will be equivalent to calling upon Spain for an explanation and such action as she may deem proper.

It is the purpose of the house leaders to refer the report and message to the committee on foreign affairs without debate and to this purpose it is believed the democrats of the house have acquiesced, reserving the right to demand action if a report from the committee is too long delayed. Much will then depend upon Spain's response, but there are those close to the president who believe that from the time the report is sent to congress it will drop out as a factor in the situation.

The second part of the president's programme reaches the main question and involves intervention on humanitarian grounds within a week or ten days after the report of the board goes to congress. It will be intervention to relieve the starvation in Cuba and upon Spain's acquiescence in or objection to this act will depend peace or war.

Left $40,000,000 to Her Heirs.

New Haven, Conn., March 25.—Mrs. Jane Winchester, widow of the founder of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., died at her home here Thursday She was 91 years of age. She was the richest woman in Connecticut, if not in New England. Her fortune is estimated at $40,000,000.

Strikers Threw Up the Sponge.

Brunswick, Me., March 25.—The Cabot cotton mills, which have been idle since January 20 on account of a strike of the employes against a 10 per cent. reduction in wages, have started up. The operatives gave up the strike.

A SUBMARINE MINE

Maine Court of Inquiry Says It Caused the Explosion.

The Spanish Naval Commission, on the Other Hand, Announces that the Disaster Was of Internal Origin.

President McKinley and His Advise Spend an Eventful Day and Orders are Given to Redouble the Preparations for a Contest with Spain.

Washington, March 26.—The Maine court of inquiry has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion. The state department, by direction of the president, has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish government of this conclusion. The president and his cabinet advisers held two sessions Friday, at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the cabinet stated after the meeting that the discussion was of grave character and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation seemed so critical.

The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish naval commission holds the disaster to the Maine to be of internal origin. The government of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to turn back the torpedo flotilla now proceeding from the Canaries.

The foregoing gives the record of one of the most eventful days the national capital has seen since the close of the civil war.

The findings of the court, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an explosion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the explosion. The court does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosive, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating submarine mine. There were two explosions, the court finds; the first was from the outside, and that set off one of the smaller magazines.

It was this result, expressed in detail and with the precision of a court deeply conscious of its responsibility, together with the evidence on which it was based, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its sessions. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and transmitting it to congress early next week, accompanied by a brief message from the president.

While interest was thus centered at the White House, the navy and war departments were hurrying forward their work of preparation. The advance of the Spanish torpedo flotilla continued to receive the closest attention of naval officials, and while so far as could be ascertained no definite line of action was determined upon, the need of intercepting this fleet was urged by the highest naval authorities.

Hardly less suggestive than the approach of the torpedo flotilla was the information received by the military authorities that the Spanish government had hurried to completion extensive fortifications on the island of Porto Rico. The exact character of these new defenses has been made known here and they are being given weight with the military authorities as showing the disposition of Spain.

Madrid, March 26.—The report of the Spanish board of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine says emphatically that the explosion was of internal origin. The report says it is "scientifically and practically demonstrated that the explosion was internal."

Key West, March 26.—The bulletin that the court of inquiry had found that the Maine was blown up by a submarine mine created intense excitement here. It was read by eager crowds, which included Admiral Sicard, elderly captains and young cadets. Most of the naval officers at Key West have held to the opinion, shared by all the officers of the Maine, that the warship was blown up by external means. All were glad to know that the Maine's fate was not due to the negligence of her own officers.

The most significant development that followed the announcement of the court's report—a development known to but few—was the sudden sailing of the lighthouse tender Mangrove for Havana. The Mangrove was lying quietly at the dock, loading buoys, when orders came about 5 p. m. for her to proceed with all haste to Havana and take on board all the American officials in that city with the exception of Consul General Lee.

The attention of Admiral Sicard was drawn to the fact that Spain had officially denied that Havana harbor was mined. He replied: "If Havana harbor was mine I should certainly have mined it. The water there is especially suitable to such a method of defense. I should not believe a statement that Havana harbor was not mined."

Eliminates the Negro from Politics.

New Orleans, March 26.—The Louisiana constitutional convention yesterday adopted a suffrage plan. The convention is almost solidly democratic and the avowed purpose was to eliminate the negro from Louisiana politics. The measure adopted provides for educational and property qualifications and a poll tax is presumed to answer the purpose effectively. At the same time it was desired to let in as many white people as possible, and this is accomplished by exempting naturalized voters, as well as those who were voters in 1867, with their sons.

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Pupil—Its left hind-foot is lucky.—Puck.

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Of the sprocket. Hurrah for the Chainless wheel.

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A Distinction.

Stranger (to Highlander in full uniform)—Sandy, are you cold with the kilt?

Sandy—Na, mon, but I'm nigh kilt wi' the cauld.—Detroit Free Press.

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A woman's idea of the best plastering is the kind you can drive a nail into anywhere.—Washington Democrat.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The rapid growth of the protection sentiment in the South is illustrated by a letter received from a Virginia Democrat published in the New York Sun, in which he declares that the Wilson law was an aggregation of iniquities and that the only objection to the Dingley law is that it does not go far enough in the interest of protection.

A recent dispatch from Nebraska commenting upon the local elections in that State, says: "The free-silver issue, which was made the leading feature of these elections last year, is being ignored now, old party lines and municipal reforms being the issue. This is accepted as certain sign of weakness on the part of Nebraska silver men."

Southern writers and economists continue to urge a diversification of industries in that section under the stimulus given by the new protective tariff. The Charlestown News and Courier in a recent issue calls attention to the fact that although the South produced more than 11,000,000 bales of cotton last year, it did not raise enough foods and provision crops to support its own population six months, and has been buying corn, hay and wheat in the West, and concludes that the producers of that section ought to follow the example of those now engaged in the enterprise of diversifying industries which have been so greatly encouraged in that section since the enactment of the Dingley law.

President McKinley's thoughtful and conscientious course in determining the final action of the Administration upon the Cuban question is being generally commended by citizens and newspapers irrespective of party. No President, since Lincoln, has had such a grave problem to solve, including as it does, not only the difficulties, dangers and assured loss of lives of American soldiers and citizens, if war shall be undertaken, but with these the danger of the introduction of yellow fever from Cuba during the summer months by reason of the constant intercommunication which would be absolutely necessary if war should be entered upon and American troops sent to that island.

The Franklin Citizen-Press diagnoses the political situation in Pennsylvania, so far as the Republican party is concerned, very accurately in the following paragraph: If the Republican leaders would heed the voice of the intelligent, conservative members of the party throughout the State, the nomination of Hon. C. W. Stone, for Governor, by the State Convention would be assured by a large majority. His nomination would unite the party at the polls in November next and a rousing victory for the party all along the line would result.

The Message and its Critics.

President McKinley faces, on his message upon the Maine disaster, says the Philadelphia Press, precisely the criticism made upon Lincoln thirty-eight years ago.

President Lincoln was denounced then because he did not instantly issue an emancipation proclamation. President McKinley is attacked now because he does not immediately and in direct terms demand reparation of Spain. History justified President McKinley's predecessor and history will justify him.

President McKinley, by his course, has placed the United States where the civilized world is forced to give this country its support and approval. Spain has placed on its shoulders the burden of justification and exculpation. The United States is left free to act as the outcome demands. Spain is forced either to defend itself or to accept the responsibility for a great disaster and offer reparation.

In this, as in all his policies, the President has secured for the United States freedom of action and the approval of the world. Spain is left where either denial or excuse is equally difficult and equally dangerous. Great nations never need haste. Assured power needs never to force a situation, to anticipate events or to assert its will. The gravitation of time and the working of events are on its side.

Nothing is to-day clearer than the wisdom of the slow, firm and scrupulously just policy President McKinley adopted last Fall. Step by step it has forced Spain from position after position and from concession to concession. At no point has our action been open to criticism. At none has Spain been able to offer a valid resistance. In dealing with the Maine President McKinley has taken the same policy which leaves the United States always in the right and always free to take the next step toward the right.

Act One Way or the Other--But Act.

No one can read the speech of Senator Thurston without feeling that the time has come when we must face this Cuban question and settle it one way or the other, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

President Cleveland nearly a year and a half ago made it plain to Spain that unless she ended the war in Cuba it would be necessary for this country to interfere. President McKinley in his first annual message, took the same ground. Since then we have had reports from Cuba of a most alarming state of affairs.

Autonomy is a failure. Spain cannot conquer the insurrection. On the other hand she is pursuing the policy of starvation and extermination. Our own Senators and Representatives so report after investigating upon their own personal responsibility, and there is the disaster to the Maine to show that if Spain is not herself guilty, at least she cannot control the action of her followers in Havana.

And now what are we going to do about it? Two hundred thousand, 300,000, 400,000—no one can tell how many—men, women and children are dead, and 200,000 more are dying. The dying thousands are calling for help, and those who are not yet victims, but may be, are asking for aid. And this is the century of civilization and progress! What, indeed, are we going to do about it?

Let us settle this matter now. There are two things that can be done. We must either stop this war or permit it to go on. There can be no dilly-dallying. There must be no half-way measures. One thing or the other—which shall it be? The recognition of belligerency at this late day would amount to nothing. It would simply anger Spain without accomplishing results. We might recognize the independence of the Republic of Cuba, but what good would that do unless we are prepared to intervene and make that independence a fact and not a fiction? We can send provisions to the starving, but unless warfare ceases we can keep on sending provisions until extermination is complete.

The Maine disaster is an incident, but Cuba is a horrible condition.

We have every right to intervene. The civilized world will applaud our interference for the right. Our business interests demand that an end shall be put to hostilities. From the standpoint of dollars and cents this uncertainty is demoralizing and unsettling. The more we delay the more uncertain will become our business conditions. Every day of delay, too, adds to the already terrible death list.

This question, we repeat, must be met. Let us settle it one way or the other—but settle it!

Let us wash our hands of the whole business and declare that the conditions in Cuba are nothing to us or else put a stop to disease, starvation and death.

The Honesdale Citizen in speaking of candidates for Governor says: "Keep your eye on Charles W. Stone. He is making a manly, quiet fight, while attending to his Congressional duties. This much may be said, that while there may be an independent movement if Wm. A. Stone is nominated, the choosing of Charles W. Stone would completely forestall any such move. Here is a man above reproach; who would be acceptable to all factions of the party. No enemies near home and hosts of friends all over the State. Experienced, resourceful, genial, and withal a thorough Republican, he is the most available man for Governor to-day. He is the first choice of a great many workers, and the second choice of many more.

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FASHIONABLE CLOTHIERS,

We take great pleasure this week in announcing to the people of Cameron county, that we have just received the most beautiful and complete line of

SPRING GOODS,

Ever placed in Emporium. We have spared no expense in buying the BEST CLASS of goods on the market.

We desire to call the attention of the public to our Show Windows and examine all the latest novelties of spring.

OUR FEDORA HATS,

In all shapes and colors are a thing of beauty and something shich all, both young and old should wear this spring.

OUR SATIN LINED SUITS

For Easter are among the choice offerings we are now displaying. These are of the highest grade of ready-made clothing and best workmanship

OUR NECK WEAR,

Comprises all the latest novelties in Plaids, Stripes and Polkadots and is the most up-to-date line we have ever handled. In a word throughout our entire department we have nothing but the best to offer and will take great pleasure in showing our goods if you will but call.

R. SEGER & SON,

One door east of Bank.

SPRING of 1898

CLOTHING.

Hats, Caps, Furnishings and Shoes.

As usual we are again to the front with an entirely NEW line of Clothing, Hats, Furnishings and Shoes. Having sold nearly all our goods at auction, we bought entirely new goods for this spring.

HATS in all shapes. Have you seen our new styles yet? If not it will pay you to look them over. See our "Broadway—Special." It is a beauty.

SHOES—We sold all our last year's shoes except perhaps a dozen pairs, at auction, so our line is entirely this year's production, and the nobbiest line in this vicinity. We have all the very latest shape toes and all the newest shades in Russet Shoes.

SHIRTS—Our Spring and Summer line of Shirts can't be beaten. Look them over.

SUITS—Both for Men and Boys. They are not "loud" this year as they were the last. We have them at all prices, and more coming, in a few days.

SOBLE,

THE CLOTHIER AND MEN'S OUTFITTER,

Opposite Post-office, Emporium, Pa.

Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Co.

The American Block.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

About Our Book and Stationery Department.

We solicit mail orders for books and stationery. We will gladly quote you our prices at any time for any book or books published, and we can always supply you with the best writing paper and stationery at very low prices. We do card engraving in the best form for much less than usual prices.

SOME BOOK PRICES.

Quo Vadis, the authorized and unabridged edition, cloth binding, illustrated 50c., postage 12c.

The same in paper covers 18c., postage 7c.

The Prince of the House of David, new edition, cloth, illustrated, 19c, postage 6c.

The Prince of the House of David, new edition, cloth, illustrated, 19c, postage 6c.

The Beth Book, by Sarah Grand, published at $1.50, our price $1.10c, postage 12c.

The Story of an untold Love, by Paul Leicester Ford, published at $1.25, our price 95c.. postage 9c.

Corleone, by F. Marion Crawford, 2 vols., $1.40, postage 17c.

The Seats of the Mighty, by Gilbert Parker, $1.20, postage, 11c.

The Choir Invisible, by James Lane Allen, published at $1.50, our price, $1.15 postage 8c.

The Chautauqua Books, for course 1898, 5 vols., $4.50 the set, expressage 25c.

Pelonbet's Notes on the International Sunday School Lessons for 1898, 85c, postage 12c.

Subscriptions for all magazines and periodicals are received at publishers' rates.

Stationery.

Our "Swan Vellum," and "Swan Satin" are high-class writing papers, made in four sizes—

"Joseph" and "Billet" sizes, 40c box of 5 quires. Envelopes to correspond, 40c box of 125.

"Octavo" size, 50c. a box; envelopes 50c.

Our "Swan Everwyn" and "Swan Feather" are smooth and rough linen papers made only in octavo and commercial sizes, ruled and plane, 30c and 35c the 5 quire packets, envelopes 7c and 8c packet.

"Swan Seconds" in octavo and commercial sizes, ruled and plain, 18c pound packet, envelopes 5c and 6c a packet.

Papeteries of new square shaped paper and envelopes in fashionable tints, azure, heliotrope, cream and mazarin 15c box, worth 20c, postage 8c.

The same in larger size 20c. worth 30c, postage 10c.

Papeteries of initial paper with envelopes, all initials, new and beautiful, all colors 40c box, worth 50c.

The same illuminated in gold and colors, square paper 55c box, worth 75c.

Card Engraving.

Plate and 50 cards for $1.25, postage 6c. Engraving address line 30c extra.

50 cards from your own plate 55c, postage 6c.

100 cards from your own plate 95c, pvstage 11c.

Specimens of engraving and sizes of cards forwarded on application.

Monograms and address dies sunk from $1.50 upwards. Stamping in any color 50c for 120 sheets, or 90c in gold and silver.

ADAM, MELDRUM & ANDERSON CO.,

The American Block.

C. B. HOWARD & COMPANY,

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

CARPETS.

MATTINGS

WE have received our new stock of Carpet Samples, which we would be pleased to show you. They comprise all the latest shades and designs in Wiltons, Moquett, Velvet, Body Brussels, Tapestry and Ingrain Carpet. We do not carry a line of full piece goods and can therefore show you a larger variety of styles at lower prices.

MATTING—We have a line of Mattings which we would be pleased to show you, at prices from 13c to 28c the yard.

RUGS—See our Rugs, at $2.25 and $2.50.

WINDOW SHADES—Before purchasing your spring Window Shades come and see the line we have to show you at very reasonable prices.

RUGS

Window Shades.

C. B. HOWARD & CO.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

EMPORIUM, PA.

Old Reliable Drug Store.

Owing to the very liberal patronage I have had from our people and in view of the hard times I will until MAY 1st, reduce the price of Physicians Prescriptions as follows, viz:

All 1 oz. mixtures, regular price, 20 to 15
All 2 oz. mixtures, regular price, 25 to 19
All 3 oz. mixtures, regular price, 35 to 25
All 4 oz. mixtures, regular price, 45 to 30
All 6 oz. mixtures, regular price, 65 to 50
All 8 oz. mixtures, regular price, 85 to 65

And a corresponding reduction on all packages of Powders, Pills, Ointments Also liberal discount on all Patent Medicines, Baby Foods, Perfumes, Toilet and Fancy Articles and extra liberal discount on Fountain Syringes, Hot Water Bottles, Atomizers and Nursing Bottles.

I will guarantee my goods to be strictly fresh and equal to any goods in the market.

Thirty years experience in the town of Emporium is sufficient evidence of competency. If you wish to avail yourself of the liberal offer, leave your Physician's Prescriptions and drug trade in general at the OLD RELIABLE DRUG STORE.

L. TAGGART.

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OF
WALL PAPER
WE SELL
BIRGE'S & SONS'
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FULL LENGTH, FULL WEIGHT, **Rolls,**

At the same price you pay for light weight, cheap goods.

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THE SPRING CHICKEN.

There is no need of special remedies for the young and healthy person. The spring chicken has been noted for its unwisdom. If you would have health and keep it you must be wise and prudent. When you have a symptom, go after it. Prevent its developing. When you are well, keep well. The only way you may is by having the best drugs at hand at all times.

Lots of Easter egg coloring—perfectly harmless.

THE FAIR!

LACE CURTAINS.

The best quality, largest assortment, newest, handsomest and most artistic designs, and prices that are in the bloom of satisfaction will all be found in our superb array of Lace Curtains. An early inspection will be richly rewarded. Come before the stock has been depleted by earlier purchasers.

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EMPORIUM
MILLING COMPANY.

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Emporium, Pa., Feb. 23, 1898.

NEMOPHILA, per sack,	$1 50
Graham, "	75
Rye "	60
Buckwheat, "	50
Patent Meal, "	40
Coarse Meal, per 100,	90
Chop Feed, "	90
Middlings, "	90
Bran, "	90
Corn, per bushel,	50
White Oats, per bushel,	40
Choice Clover Seed, Choice Timothy Seed, Choice Millet Seed, Fancy Kentucky Blue Grass,	At Market Prices.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Contributions invited. That which you would like to see in this department, let us know by postal card, letter, or personally.

Dr. W. H. Ulsh, of Driftwood, called on ye editor yesterday.

B. W. Green and wife are visiting in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Elva Whiting, returned to Lock Haven Normal on Monday.

Our genial friend, A. C. Blum, was a caller at this office yesterday.

S. S. Hacket, editor of the *Independent* visited Lock Haven on Tuesday.

R. S. Ostrum goes to Gardeau to work and orders the PRESS to follow.

Frank E. Richardson, of Driftwood, was in town yesterday, calling on friends:

Will Auchu made a flying visit to Dry Run to take a look at his orange blossom.

John J. Sobie leaves Monday morning for Rochester, N. Y., to buy spring clothing.

W. W. Ames, of Ridgway, was in Emporium on Monday, attending argument court.

Ward Metzger leaves to-day for Alaska, his family to reside here during his absence.

Henry Auchu and family attended the funeral of Henry Nast, at Williamsport, last Sunday.

Harry Sackett, of Wilkesbarre, has been visiting his friends and relatives in town, this week.

Miss Lucy G. Ellis returned last Friday from a visit with Mrs. B. L. Sterling, at Clarendon, Pa.

Judge Bonham returned this morning from Scranton, where he served as United States Court juror.

Fred McVicker, and Frank Fox, of Driftwood, swapped yarns with Emporium friends on Tuesday.

Fred Johnson came home from school last Saturday and is spending his vacation with his father.

R. E. Devling of Sterling Run, transacted business in town on Tuesday and called at the PRESS sanctnm.

Isaac Kruson, of Stannards, N. Y., and Mrs. Norman Chapman, of Ellisburg, were guests of M. P. Whiting and family on Saturday.

R. P. Bingman, has taken a bark job on Bobby's Run, from Elk Tanning Co., to peel 6000 cords, to be wagoned to Emporium Tannery.

Capt. E. R. Mayo, of Smethport, attended argument court in Emporium on Monday. Mr. Mayo's old Cameron county friends were glad to see him.

Mrs. M. P. Whiting of this place is entitled to the sympathy of our citizens, her mother, Mrs. W. W. Arnold, having died at Sterling Run, last Wednesday.

Eugene Switzer, stoped off in Emporium yesterday, en route to school at Lewisburg. He called to see the PRESS, of course. Glad to see you, Eugene.

Mrs. M. C. Davin has returned from visiting her mother at Clarendon, Pa., and reports a very pleasant visit. Mr. and Mrs. Davin will commence house-keeping.

John Catlin and wife have returned from Renovo and will visit in Emporium until Mr. Catlin recovers from the effect of his recent illness. Uncle Jake will make him fat.

Mr. Wm McCrea, of Salt Lake City, Utah, is visiting his cousins, Mrs. Mullin and the Misses Gould, at this place. Mr. McCrea is a student in the law department of Corneli University.

Mrs. M. B. Judd lost a pair of gold rimmed spectacles last Friday evening between the Episcopal Church and her home. A suitable reward will be paid the finder if returned to the owner.

Last Monday the PRESS sanctum was honored with a pleasant call from Mr. H. E. Shaffer, of Kane, one of the most prominent attorneys on the line of the P. & E. Mr. Shaffer was in attendance at argument court.

John M. Olson, one of R. Seger & Co.'s faithful tailors, transacted business with the PRESS last Saturday and as a result will read the PRESS this year in his own home and not borrow his neighbor's, as many people are apt to do.

Michael McGraw has returned from Susquehanna county and informs ye editor that he has about convinced Hogan and McDonald of the error of their ways. That being a good week's work he will now start his log job for the season.

Howard Thompson, of Elmira, N. Y., is guest of W. B. Thompson and family. Howard resided here eight years ago. He is greatly pleased with our town. He paid the PRESS sanctum a social call, accompanied by his brother Walter, yesterday.

C. H. Sage, Jr., of Johnsonburg, was shaking hands with Emporium friends on Monday and favored the PRESS with a visit. Mr. Sage is an enterprising and progressive gentleman and we are pleased to learn the Johnsonburg Machine Company are doing a large business. They now employ ten men. "Cy" has many friends in this county who wish him well.

Addison Gross and family have moved into J. P. McNarney's house, on Maple street.

Rev. W. R. McNeil returned this morning from visiting in New Jersey.

Harry Morehouse, of Pittsburg, was guest of N. Seger and family yesterday.

J. P. McNarney has moved into the H. T. Taggart residence.

Rich Valley Notes.

Editor Press:—

Thomas Waddington, of Emporium, visited friends in the valley last week.

A little child of August Morrell is very sick with some kind of fever.

Miss Susan Chadwick has been very sick the past week but is getting better.

The Wesleyan Methodists held their quarterly meeting last Saturday and Sunday. Eld. Matthewson, of Olean, had charge of the meeting.

Francis Lewis has closed his meeting on North Creek and expects to go to Gardeau Tuesday to hold a meeting and will stay as long as there is an interest.

A baptismal service was held at the close of the morning meeting last Sunday in the stream back of E. E. Swartwood's. Elder Fuller, of Emporium, administered the ordinance. Two were baptised and everything was done in a quiet and orderly manner.

Nelson Cutler is quite sick with inflamatory rheumatism. ADINA.

March 29, 1898.

Huston Hill.

Fine weather.

The farmers are preparing to plant their potatoes.

Wonder what is the matter with two of our young sports?

Connors & Bro's. are soon to begin their extensive tie job in Johnson Run.

The big entertainment will be given Saturday night, April 9th.

Mr. Lupole was seen on our streets Sunday.

A. S. Bailey and A. H. Barr have given up going to the West and are raising a regiment.

The liars club was successfully organized last Saturday night. We can beat anything in the county. Come ahead boys, we are ready for you. We will take none except professionals. Some of the women want to joln. If they are accepted we will not be afraid to meet any club in the state.

Homer had business at the lower end of town last Saturday night.

Wonder what takes the school dad over to Powell's so often.

John says he is not always asleep when he has got his eyes shut.

SAMMY.

Beechwood Items.

Good roads (?) is the motto of our supervisors.

The "sacred band" (the frogs) are out in full force these evenings.

James Sanford is rushing his paper-wood job these days and expects to make a large shipment soon.

J. L. Reid and wife visited friends in the east ward, last Sunday.

Wm. Feeling is all smiles over the new arrival at his place.

Wm. McDonald made a business trip to Emporium last Tuesday.

The Leavitt brothers, of Emporium, spent Sunday with friends and relatives here.

The show and musical entertainment that was held in the opera house at this place, Friday evening, was excellent, there being a large crowd in attendance.

Mrs. Jacob Andrus had a painful accident last Saturday. While walking in the barn she slipped and caught her hand in the cogs of a cutter that was revolving very rapidly, and before it could be stopped her hand was badly lacerated. We are glad to state, however, that she is much improved at this writing.

Joshua Morgan, of the well known firm, Morgan Lumber Co., of Glen Hazel, visited his parents at Big Run on Sunday.

Rev. Sleep, of Cameron, was one of the large number of persons on our streets last Saturday.

Mrs. Robert Morrison, who has been ill for the past three years, is a little better at this writing.

Rev. J. H. Greybill, of St. Marys, visited friends at this place last Friday and Saturday. NICODEMUS.

March 28, 1898.

Fulton & Pearsall.

These up-to-date painters have consolidated their business and may be found at their shop in Parsons' Bazaar. Both are practical painters and will give prompt attention to all work entrusted to them. Estimates furnished for all kinds of house, sign and decorative painting as well as wall papering and frescoing. Especial attention given to out of town orders. 47tf.

Sterling Run Letter.

Editor Press:—

Jos. Kissell lost two of his rafts during the late flood at Lock Haven.

Wm. Webb moves to Johnstown this week, where he will commence a new lumber job.

Henry Hamilton has finished his lumber operations on Hicks Run, and has removed to St. Marys.

We are sorry to chronicle the death os Mrs. Wm. T. Arnold, who died at her home here on Wednesday evening, at the age of seventy-two. The funeral service was held at the M. E. Church, on Friday afternoon—Rev. Jos. A. Anderson, of Williamsport, officiating. The sermon was taken from the text: "When this earthly tabernacle fails I have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." In this doctrine the deceased was a firm believer and we hope that she has entered into the enjoyment of that home, notwithstanding the half-way belief of other sects.

The Sterling Run Base Ball Club has reorganized for business. We don't know who the officials are. If war is declared we hope they will be an able auxillary to Uncle Sam.

Arthur Wylie paid his mother a brief visit this week. He is a student at the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

N. T. Arnold and family, of Ridgway, Isaac Krusan, of Stannards, Allegany Co., N. Y., and Dr. Rita B. Church, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Norman Chapman, (sister) of Ellisburg; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Whiting, (daughter), of Emporium, attended the funeral of Mrs. Arnold, on Friday. The former gentlemen are brother and son of the deceased.

We would advise the Gazette's correspondent to be a little careful who he calls a "drummer." If he wants to have his fun with boys it is all right, but never call an old soldier a drummer, especially those who have their papers of service to show. If he intends it as an insult we are ready to meet him on his own ground, for we believe he is like Paddy's mule, having a better ear for that kind of music than ourselves.

Miss Emma Marsh left on Monday morning for the State Normal Schoo at Lock Haven.

There are some night hawks in this place who will be exposed sooner or later and at a time when they least expect it. The respect for their parents has heretofore been their safeguard, but such things will be overlooked hereafter and their names given to the public, or punished as they should be.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents a box. For sale by L. Taggart.
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Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the best known remedy for consumption, coughs, colds and all throat and chest troubles. Every bottle is guaranteed. It is the best remedy for children. 25 and 50 cents. L. Taggart.

Auction Sale of Horses.

One car load of Mercer county horses at the Warner House stables, Emporium, Pa., Wednesday, April 6th, 1898. They consist of drivers, draft and general purpose horses. Several well matched pairs, both draft and drivers; also family horses. Every horse must be as represented on day of sale. Terms made known on day of sale. No postponement on account of the weather. Everybody come.

4-2t S. G. COFFIN, Prop.

REDUCED RATES TO WASHINGTON.

Special Excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that on April 1st it will run a special excursion from points on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, Erie to Lock Haven, inclusive, to Washington, for the benefit of all who may wish to visit the National Capital at this season. Round-trip tickets, good going on all regular trains April 1, and good returning on any regular train leaving Washington not later than April 11, will be sold at greatly reduced rates. Special sleeping cars will be run through on train leaving Erie at 3:30 p. m.

Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase, at the Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Offices in Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond at rate of $1.00 and to Old Point Comfort (all rail) at $6.00; at the offices of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company, excursion tickets (not including meals and staterooms on steamers) to Old Point Comfort or Norfolk, Va., at $3.50, and to Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Hotel, at $4.50; Washington to Mt. Vernon and return, via electric railway, 50 cents.

For full information consult small handbills, apply to ticket agents, or address E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.
927-3-3t

PUBLIC SALE OF UNCLAIMED FREIGHT.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF THE COURT of Common Pleas for the County of Cameron, and under the provisions of an Act of General Assembly, approved the 14th day of DECEMBER, 1893, the PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY will expose to PUBLIC SALE, at the FREIGHT STATION, on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division, at EMPORIUM, PA.,

SATURDAY, APRIL 23d, 1898,

At 1:30 o'clock, P. M., one car load SHINGLES consigned to Bryant Lumber & Shingle Co., Emporium, Pa., notify S. S. Hackett, loaded on car 11,584, lading said to consist of 670 packages of shingles.

TERMS OF SALE—CASH.

F. D. HOWELL, Frt. Claim Agt.
W. E. FRASER, Div. Frt Agt.
T. GALLAGHER, Frt. Agent.

Williamsport, Pa., March 25, 1898.—5-3t.

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The Miller planned
To be the finest in the land.

Now East and West,
His skill attest,
And Pillsbury's Best leads all the rest.

If the inscription on your sack of flour is like the above, you have the best flour in the world and ought to have the best bread. Better look and see, and if not, go at once to

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and procure a sack of
World Famous,
Pillsbury's Best.
There are others, but none so good.

J. H. DAY,

23 Fourth St.,
Emporium, Pa.

ROCKWELL'S DRUG STORE,

Next to Post-office, Emporium, Pa.

Fancy Stationery.

Just received the choicest invoice of Fancy Stationery, including Envelopes, Paper and Turists Pads,

Toilet and Bath Goods.

My line of Toilet and Bath Goods includes a fine line of Soaps, Brushes, Sponges, etc.

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EMPORIUM, PA.

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AT THIS OFFICE.

Travelers Guide.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.
PHILADELPHIA AND ERIE RAILROAD DIVISION.
In effect November 28, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM EASTWARD,

8 20 A. M.—Train 8 week days for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6.23 P. M., New York 9.30 P. M., Baltimore 6.00 P. M., Washington 7.15 P. M. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3 20 P. M.—Train 6 week days for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 4.30 A. M., New York 7.33 A.M. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 A. M.

8 57 P. M.—Train 4 Daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6.52 A. M., New York 9.33 A. M., weekdays, (10.38 A. M. Sunday;) Baltimore 6.20 A. M., Washington 7.40 A. M. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport. Passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

5:10 A. M.—Emporium Junction—Train 9 week days for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.

10 25 A. M.—Train 3 Daily for Erie and week days for DuBois and intermediate stations.

6 25 P. M. — Train 15, week days for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 5:10 a. m., week days, with Pullman Sleepers and passenger coaches, from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3 leaves New York 7.40 p. m., Philadelphia 11.20 p. m., Washington 10.40 p. m, Baltimore 11.50 p. m., daily, arriving at Emporium 10.25 a. m., with Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport, and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport—on Sundays only Pullman Sleepers from Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8.30 a. m., Washington 7.50 a.m., Baltimore 8.50 a.m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 A. M., week days, arriving at Emporium 6.25 P. M., with Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport, and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Kane.

RIDGWAY & CLEARFIELD RAILROAD and Connections.
(Week days.)

SOUTHWARD. A. M.		A. M.	Stations.	P. M.		NORTHWARD P. M.
8 50	....	4 00	Renovo	5 00	.....	10 20
9 43	....	4 41	Driftwood	4 03	.....	9 30
10 20	....	5 10	Emporium Junc	3 25	.....	9 00
11 02	....	5 52	St. Marys	2 40	.....	8 19
11 15	....		Kane	12 15	.....	9 05
11 36	....		Wilcox	11 51	.....	8 42
11 49	....		Johnsonburg	11 36	.....	8 27
12 10	....	6 20	Ridgway	8 50	.....	8 00
12 17	....	6 27	Island Run	8 43	.....	7 52
12 22	....	6 32	Carman Tr'nfer	8 38	.....	7 47
12 31	....	6 41	Croyland	8 29	.....	7 38
12 35	....	6 45	Shorts Mills	8 26	.....	7 35
12 39	....	6 48	Blue Rock	8 22	.....	7 30
	....	6 50	Vinyard Run	8 19	.....	
12 43	....	6 53	Carrier	8 17	.....	7 26
12 53	....	7 02	Brockwayville	8 08	.....	7 17
12 57	....	7 06	Lanes Mills	8 02	.....	7 12
1 07	....	7 14	Harveys Run	7 54	.....	7 04
1 15	....	7 20	Falls Creek	7 50	.....	7 00
1 40	....	7 35	DuBois	7 40	.....	6 40
1 20	....	7 25	Falls Creek	7 00	.....	6 55
1 35	....	7 40	Reynoldsville	6 45	.....	6 40
2 11	....	8 16	Brookville	6 09	.....	6 04
3 05	....	9 10	New Bethlehem	5 26	.....	5 10
3 50	....	9 55	Red Bank		.....	4 25
6 30	....	12 40	Pittsburg		.....	1 40
P. M.	....	P. M.		A. M.	.....	P. M.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY.

Time Table In Effect April 18, 1897.

Trains leave Emporium for Keating-Port Allegany, Coudersport, Smethport, Eldred, Bradford, Olean and Buffalo, connecting at Buffalo for points East and West.

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 8.30 A. M.
Mail, (103 daily except Sunday.. .....1.50 P. M.
Train No. 103 (mail) will connect at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Bradford, Salamanca Warren, Oil City and Pittsburg.

Call on E. C. DAVISON, Agent, Emporium, for time tables or other information.

R. BELL, Gen'l Supt.
J. A. FELLOWS, Gen'l Pass'ngr & Ticket Agt. Mooney Brisbane Building, Cor. Main and Clinton Streets, Buffalo, N. Y.

TIME TABLE No. 23.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R.

Taking effect June 15th, 1897.

EASTWARD.

STATIONS.		10 P. M.	4 P. M.	6 A. M.	2 P. M.
Port Allegany,	Lv.	3 15	7 18	.....	12 10
Coleman,		○○	○○	.....	*12 15
Burtville,		*3 30	7 29	.....	12 22
Roulette,		3 40	7 36	.....	12 29
Knowlton's,		*3 45	○○	.....	*12 34
Mina,		3 55	7 46	.....	12 41
Olmsted,		*4 00	*7 50	.....	*12 46
Hammonds,		○○	○○	.....	*12 51
Coudersport.	Ar.	4 15	7 57	.....	12 55
	Lv.			6 30	1 00
North Coudersport,		.....	.....	○○	*1 05
Frink's,		.....	.....	*6 40	*1 14
Colesburg,		.....	.....	*6 46	1 20
Seven Bridges,		.....	.....	*6 50	*1 24
Raymonds's,		.....	.....	*7 01	1 36
Gold,		.....	.....	7 06	1 42
Newfield,		.....	.....	*7 16	1 45
B. & S. Junction,		.....	.....	7 13	1 50
Perkins,		.....	.....	*7 16	*1 53
Carpenter's,		.....	.....	○○	*1 56
Crowell's,		.....	.....	*7 21	*2 00
Ulysses,	Ar.	.....	.....	7 30	2 10

WESTWARD.

STATIONS.		1 A. M.	5 P. M.	3 A. M.	
Ulysses,	Lv.	7 42	2 30	10 05	.....
Crowell's,		*7 51	*2 40	*10 17	.....
Carpenter's,		○○	*2 42	*10 20	.....
Perkins,		*7 54	*2 45	*10 25	.....
B. & S. Junction,		7 57	2 50	10 35	.....
Newfield,		*8 00	2 54	*10 35	.....
Gold,		8 04	2 56	10 42	.....
Raymond's,		*8 07	2 59	*10 47	.....
Seven Bridges,		*8 19	*3 11	*11 05	.....
Colesburg,		*8 21	3 15	*11 10	.....
Frink's,		*8 28	*3 22	*11 17	.....
North Coudersport,		○○	*3 30	*11 27	.....
Coudersport,	Ar.	8 43	3 35	11 35	.....
	Lv.	8 45	6 00	P. M. 1 30	.....
Hammonds,		○○	○○	*1 34	.....
Olmsted,		*8 51	*6 06	*1 40	.....
Mina,		8 55	6 10	1 45	.....
Knowlton's,		○○	*6 18	○○	.....
Roulette,		9 05	6 22	1 57	.....
Burtville,		9 13	6 30	2 10	.....
Coleman,		○○	*6 36	○○	.....
Port Allegany,		9 24	6 40	2 35	.....

(*) Flag stations. (○○) Trains do not stop.

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Oh, bless the glad sun's warmth and light!
Away, my love, we'll wander,
To where the larch shines green and bright
Against the dim wood yonder.

The young shoots sprout so fast to-day,
The old oak leaves are falling,
And from the coppice far away
I hear the cuckoo calling.

Hark! there among the high elm trees
The thrush sings where he settles;
And see, below, anemones
Put forth their blushing petals.

Does not the poet tell how spring
Affects a young man's fancy?
And so my heart turns, while I sing,
To love and you, my Nancy.

Each step new charms does nature add,
New beauties still discovers,
To make this old world young and glad
For us, young, happy lovers.

Ours is the joy the lark feels there
Tuning his song to madness.
"Thank God that we are young, who share
And feel the young year's gladness."

Then let our years be sad or gay,
And be they few or plenty,
Yet, sweetheart, we'll forget to-day
We have been wed for twenty!
—Marshall Steele, in Black and White.

A CLEW BY WIRE

Or, An Interrupted Current.

BY HOWARD M. YOST.

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CHAPTER V.—CONTINUED.

The sound of the voice was intermittent. There would be a few words, then a pause, and so on. I could make no sense of the few disjointed sentences. It lasted but a few minutes. Indeed, so brief was the conversation, if that is what it was, there was no time to make an investigation.

After a long period of anxious listening I settled down again for sleep. And when at last slumber came, it was troubled. Vague, shadowy dreams flitted across my consciousness, and through them all was a sort of premonition of future events, which seemed to have a bearing upon the robbery.

The next morning I was awakened by the sun shining in my face. Hardly had I got my eyes open and my senses aroused to my new surroundings, when a loud and long-continued thumping on the front door caused me to spring out of bed. Hastily donning a few garments, I went to the door and opened it.

Mrs. Snyder was standing there, and an unmistakable look of relief came over her face when she saw me.

"Ach my! you schleep so sount I vas afrait somesing de matter!" she said. "Breakfas' vas retty long dime alretty."

"All right. I'll be right over and eat it," I replied.

While I was dressing the recollection of the strange voice of the last night came to me. Now, in the broad glare of the forenoon, when all mystery takes flight and the hallucinations of the darkness become trivial, I wondered if my imagination had played me a trick. It seemed as though I had heard the voice in a dream, so unreal did the circumstance appear now.

I was standing by the huge chimney, when again, breaking in upon my thoughts, came the sound of that mysterious small voice.

As on the night before, there were no completed sentences; only a word between pauses of various duration. The sounds were plainer, however; not louder, but more distinct.

Here was a mystery indeed, one which did not choose only the shades of night for its manifestations, but came in the daytime, as though possessed of such subtle and unaccountable qualities that it might defy research.

After the voice had ceased, and I continued my toilet, the sound of talking, coming from the walk outside, reached me.

I glanced out of the window, and saw Sarah and Mrs. Snyder again in most earnest conversation.

Somewhat surprised to see my old nurse so early in the day, I called to her:

"Hello, Sarah! What's the trouble? What brought you here at this time?"

"Ach, Nel, bud I am glad to see you!" she exclaimed. "I couldn't schleep all night."

"Now, that was too bad," I said. "What kept you awake?"

"I vas thinkin' of you all alone in dis olt house, and so much strangeness aboud it," the good soul replied, with her honest old face upturned to me.

"That was very foolish. Nothing is going to happen to me," I said, lightly, although I was not so sure of it now.

When I went outside the two women were still talking, and there was an awe-stricken expression on each face.

"What are you two superstitious old girls doing now?" I asked. "Hatching up more mysterious tales?"

Mrs. Snyder gravely shook her head, as though seriously condemning levity on supernatural subjects. Sarah rested her hand on my arm, and gazed up into my face. There was deep concern in every line of her countenance.

"Nel, you come wiz me," she said, leading the way. I followed around the corner of the house, and she stopped before a window, the shutters of which were closed.

"Look!" she exclaimed, pointing toward the shutters. "Mrs. Snyder says dat vas not dere yesterday."

Like those of most Pennsylvania farmhouses, the downstairs windows were provided with solid board shutters.

In the center of this particular pair was a small round hole, from the edges of which a few chips running with the grain of the wood were broken.

"Well, what of it?" I asked, hoping that I could avoid giving an explanation, for I was a trifle ashamed of myself for firing at my own reflection.

"Somepody shot through de shutter and try to kill you, maybe. It's a bullet hole, aint it? Oh, Nel, didn't you hear it? Mrs. Snyder heard it from her house, and she look out her vindow and saw a man runnin' avay down de road. You can't stay here, Nel. You go home wiz me."

I could not forbear a smile at Sarah's fears, but, remembering they were the consequence of the deep affection she felt for me, I checked the frivolous reply which my tongue was about to utter.

"Why, bless your dear old loving heart, Sarah," I said, taking hold of her arm, "come, I'll explain that, and when you know about it you'll laugh at me."

The women went along into my room.

"You see that window? You remember the shutters were always kept closed. Well, I had forgotten all about it last night, and after I was undressed I saw my figure, clad in my white night robe, reflected from the glass. You women must have made me somewhat nervous by your talk while making up my bed. Anyhow, I was a trifle frightened at my own shadow, and fired a bullet at it. So, you see, no one tried to kill me at all. It was only my own foolishness, of which I am heartily ashamed. Now let me get some breakfast, and then we'll go all over the house to satisfy you there can be nothing in it which could do me harm."

I said nothing about the voices I had heard, nor of the noise like the slamming of a door. There was no use in adding to the inexplicable feeling of alarm which my old nurse felt.

As for the man Mrs. Snyder had seen after the shot fleeing down the road, that was easily explained.

If my house had the reputation of being haunted, it was most likely a passerby would have wings to his heels on hearing the report of a pistol about the place.

After breakfast we went through the house.

I noticed that all the windows were closed. Therefore it was no sudden gust of air that caused the slamming of a door. But nothing was discovered which would give one reason to suppose there was anything unusual about the place.

We finally came to the attic, and I looked out of one of the small windows, first brushing away the curtain of cobwebs.

From this height I could see over the orchards. On the brow of Sunset Hill, about half a mile distant, was a large house, evidently quite new.

It was a splendid structure for the country, and I fancied a wealthy resident of the city had discovered the beauties of Nelsonville and built him a summer residence here.

"Whose place is that over on Sunset Hill?" I asked.

"Some rich man's from de city," Sarah answered.

"Do you know his name?" I continued, moved by curiosity.

"Vell, I did know. Ach, vhat is it, now? I forget eferysing soon," Sarah replied.

Here Mrs. Snyder chimed in: "His name is Morley."

"What?" I exclaimed, in amazement. "Morley? Sylvester Morley?"

"I ton't know his first name," the old widow answered.

"Has he a daughter? Is she here?"

"Yes, and she so fine and prout. Ach, and so pretty! Yes, she is here. Dey live here now in de summer," continued the old lady, glad for the opportunity of imparting news. "I see dem almost efery day. Dey drife by. And him, de man, ach, vhat a fine shentleman! So tall and straight, such a fine peard, and he looks so prout, too!"

The garrulous old widow's description satisfied me. My heart beat rapidly. I had come into this secluded place with no thought further from my mind than that I should find Miss Morley here.

Was there a design of fate in this? And—was she still my true love? Perhaps I should see her; but I remembered my determination and my promise to her father, and how far I still was from removing the condition imposed on the renewal of our friendship, and, I hoped, our love.

This afterthought filled me with an impatience to commence some kind of investigation on my own hook.

I had had a short interview with Mr. Perry, the president of the bank, just before my departure for Europe. It had been most unsatisfactory to me, for Mr. Perry was able to hold out no hope of immediate relief. He was just as earnest, however, in advising me to still keep on my course of apparent indifference and do nothing in the way of a search myself.

Since that interview six months had elapsed, and I had heard nothing from him. I now resolved to take the affair in my own hands. For to go on living, with Florence Morley so near to me, and still refrain from indulging in her sweet society, would simply be torture.

"Come, Nel," Sarah finally said, breaking in upon my thoughts. "We haf not seen all yed."

CHAPTER VI.

When we were again standing in the main hall on the first floor, Sarah's last remark came to me.

"We have been over the whole house, have we not? What more is there to see?" I asked.

"Ach, Nel! haf you forgot de place you always vanted to go to and ve vouldn't led you, because it vas damp and dark?"

"That's so. You mean the cellar."

"Yes, yes, to be sure. You vas lost vonst, and ve couldn't fint you for a long dime. Vhen ve did, you vas aschleep in de cellar."

"Well, come along. Let us have a look at it," I said, eagerly. The noise like a slamming of a door had seemed to come from below. Perhaps I should discover the cause down there.

On opening the door leading down from the dining-room, a musty odor assailed my nostrils.

It is peculiar how the sense of smell brings back to one old associations and memories. I recollected that musty odor perfectly, and it brought back the days of boyhood more vividly than anything else had done.

We descended the stairway, and found the cellar bare and empty. I peered into every dark nook and corner, but there was nothing which could have caused the noise.

"Nothing to be seen here, Sarah," I said. "Maybe we can find something of interest in the old storeroom."

My grandfather, in his latter days, had kept the village store and post office.

The house was built on the side of a small hill, so that it was three stories high on the street side and two in the rear.

The cellar was divided into two apartments by a thick wall of stone. One apartment was used for the house supplies. The other section was in turn divided in two, the front facing on the street serving as the store and post office, the rear, a deep, cavernous, underground room, having been used for the storage of barrels of vinegar, molasses, tobacco and dried fruit.

We descended the open stairway leading down to the storeroom from the main hall. The door was at the bottom, and at first I thought it was locked. Upon closer examination, I discovered that it had only become tightly jammed by a slight settling of the surrounding timbers. A few vigorous kicks soon caused it to open, and we stepped down into the room.

The shutters to the windows were closed, but there was above the door leading to the street a small transom. Through the dust and moisture-begrimed glass a few rays of light penetrated, producing a twilight gloom in the apartment, but not so deep that we were unable to see.

One of the old counters still remained, and scattered over the floor were a few empty boxes and barrels. I thought of the white-haired old man whose form had been so familiarly associated with the room, and I glanced over to the corner with a fancy that he was here still, seated behind the desk.

"Vhy, vhere's de door gone?" Sarah cried out, in tones of excitement.

"What door, Sarah?"

"Nel, you know, you remember. Der used to be a door to de store cellar, and now dere ain't any."

Sarah was right. There had been a doorway, through which I had stolen many times for the purpose of filling my pockets with raisins and dried fruit. There was none now. The wall of solid masonry confronted us.

It really seemed a matter of very little importance, but Sarah kept up excited exclamations about it, until I finally stopped her.

"Why, Sarah, I don't see anything very strange in the walling up of a cellar

"Yes, and she so fine and prout."

doorway. No doubt Mr. Sonntag, my lawyer, had it done. I remember the place was dark, damp and unhealthy. He thought it best to have it closed up, perhaps. There was another door from that cellar leading outside, was there not?"

"Yes, right unter your betroom vindow," Sarah answered.

"Well, that can be easily broken down if you want to get in the place. But what would be the use of all that trouble? I don't want to use the cellar."

But then I remembered the noise which had seemed to come from beneath my bedroom, and the cause of which I was unable to discover throughout the rest of the house.

"We might take a look at the other door," I finally said, reflectively.

We ascended the stairway and went around the house. Thick vines, reaching to my bedroom window, completely hid the outside cellar door.

I parted the vines, and found again the solid foundation wall. This doorway had also been walled up.

Sarah was so greatly impressed by this new discovery that her excited exclamations broke out anew, and she again began to plead with me to leave the place.

Again I sought to quiet her fears by laughing at her, although it did seem a trifle strange that my agent should have walled up the doorways. I was satisfied he had had it done, and I wondered what his reasons could have been. Perhaps, after all, Mrs. Snyder was right in affirming that there were mysteries about the old house. Perhaps this walled-up cellar was the seat of supernatural demonstrations, and my agent had sealed it up for that reason.

"I do not intend to lose any sleep over it," I said, lightly. "Sonntag must have had good reasons for doing this, and I can easily find out what they were by driving over and seeing him. I want to have a talk with him, anyhow."

Here the rumble of wheels reached my ear. As I glanced down the roadway and saw the appreaching turnout, why did my heart beat faster and a dimness cloud my sight?

Mrs. Snyder had also glanced in that direction. "Vell, now look, Mr. Nel," she began, excitedly. "You can see yourself how dey look. Dey is coming. Dat is de Morleys."

My heart had given me the information before the widow's tongue.

There were two persons in the light road-wagon which was being whirled toward us at a rapid rate by the spirited horses. I could not be mistaken in the graceful poise of the head and the general outlines of beauty about the young lady, nor in the grave dignity of the man.

The carriage swept along. When nearly opposite us, the young woman evidently caught sight of the group standing back from the roadway, for she leaned forward and sent a glance past her father toward us. I saw, even though my sight was dimmed by emotion, her face turn pale and her eyes expand. She gave no other sign of recognition, however, and the carirage swept by.

And this was all. After a year of separation, a year of longing and homesickness, I was greeted with a stare by the girl who had declared she would always trust and believe in me.

I watched the wagon until a bend in the road hid it from view, and then still looked toward the spot where it had disappeared.

A touch on my arm recalled my thoughts, and I glanced around into the solicitous face of my old nurse.

"I guess de young voman is putty," said Mrs. Snyder. "Ach, and you dink so, too, Mr. Nel."

"Yes, she is beautiful, very beautiful," I murmured, more to myself than for answer to the widow's clumsy attempt at pleasantry.

Sarah's watchful old eyes and the promptings of her affection for me discerned something more in the fixed gaze I had sent after the wagon than a suddenly awakened admiration.

"Vhat is id, Nel? Do you know her?" the good soul asked, anxiously.

"I'll tell you some time," I answered.

Yes, yes; beautiful indeed was Florence, lovelier than ever, and good and true—well, I did not seem to feel so sure of her faith. She had passed me by without extending a salutation. I could not blame her for not recognizing me, after the resolve I had made, but it cut me to the heart, nevertheless.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

TEARS WERE FORBIDDEN.

A Note to Quit Meant That the Typewriter Was to Go.

She was a dainty little thing, and the old gentleman seemed to be prepossessed in her favor right from the start, but there was evidently something that made him pause.

"Look here," he said, in his blunt fashion, "I like you and your references are all right. You run the typewriter as if you knew all there is to know about it, and you don't look like a girl who would be sick every third day and want to get away an hour or two early all the rest of the time, but before I engage you I want to have a clear understanding with you on one subject."

"Yes, sir," she replied, looking at him inquiringly.

"Of course," he explained, "I expect you will be perfectly satisfactory, but if you are not there must be no doubt about my right to discharge you."

"Certainly not."

"If I want you to go I'll just have one of the clerks put a note on your desk or leave it with the cashier for you, and you're to take that as final."

"Naturally," she said, looking at him in some surprise.

"You're not to enter any protest or file any objections," he persisted, "and most of all, you're not to weep."

"Why, I suppose I can ask you why—"

"You can't ask me a thing," he broke in. "If you get a note asking you to quit you're just to put on your things and walk out without a whimper of any kind. Is that understood?"

"It is," she replied.

"Have I your promise to live up to that agreement?"

"You have. But it is such an extraordinary request that I—I—"

"Young woman," said the old gentleman, impressively. "I've been in business here for 50 years, and up to the time women got a good foothold in the business world I was in the habit of engaging and discharging clerks as seemed to me best from the standpoint of my business. In an unguarded moment, however, I was induced to hire a young woman to run a typewriter for me, and after I found that she wasn't satisfactory to me it took me over eight weeks to discharge her. I left a note on her desk and she promptly came in and wept on mine. I turned the job over to various subordinates, but each time she came into my private office to do her weeping, and inside of a week she had the whole force wrought up to a point where business was being neglected, and she was still drawing salary just the same. Women in business may be all right, but when it comes to getting her out of business somebody else can have the job. However, if you'll make a solemn promise to go without a single weep if you don't suit, I'll try you."—Chicago Post.

A Stickler for Realism.

Some amateurs in a provincial town gave a theatrical performance. Just before the curtain went up the star actor took the manager aside and said to him:

"Now, look here; I don't propose to drink water instead of wine in the drinking scene in the second act. I want wine—genuine wine. The unities must be preserved. We want to make this play as realistic as possible."

"Oh, you want champagne at 15 shillings a bottle, do you?"

"Yes. Everything must be realistic."

"All right," replied the manager. "In the second act you shall have real wine, and when you take poison in the last act you shall have some real poison. I'll see that you don't complain of the play not being realistic enough. How does prussic acid strike you?"—London Answers.

When Phlebotomy Was in Favor.

In former days, when medical men believed in phlebotomy for nearly all hurts and diseases, King Louis Phillippe of France carried a lancet in his pocket, and occasionally bled himself. On one occasion, when a man was run over by the royal coach, the king bled the unconscious victim with his own hands. Such treatment now would probably lead to a suit for damages.—Chicago Chronicle.

Correct.

"Miss Wigglesworth thinks she's eligible to the Order of the Crown. She's sure she can trace her lineage back to one of the English sovereigns.'

"How far has she got?"

"She told me yesterday she had struck a bar sinister."

"I guess that's right. I knew that her great-grandfather was a bartender."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Ready to Oblige.

Mrs. Wallington—This house is as cold as a barn. I do wish you would do something to make it warmer.

Mr. Wallington—Certainly.

And then he accommodatingly lighted a match.—Somerville Journal.

The Cause of the Trouble.

"Why, Tompkins, Miss Roberts cut you dead."

"Yes. We fell out."

"When?"

"At a skating party."

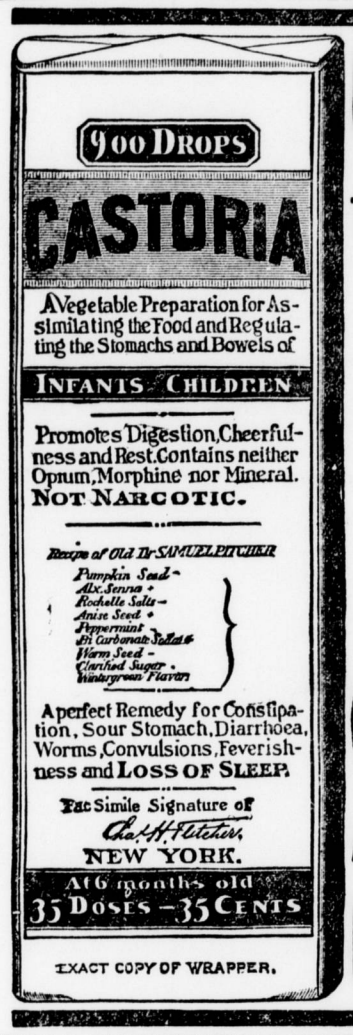
"Well, that's better than falling in. What was the row?"

"We were skating together and I slipped and she tripped and landed square on my chest."

"What of that? She didn't get mad at that, did she?"

"No; but she overheard me telling my sister afterwards that she wasn't any feather."—Brooklyn Life.

You know what you say about your poor kin? Well, that's the way your folks who have money talk about you. — Atchison Globe.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This little girl, Lady Alexandra Duff, wears this season a series of pretty house aprons all made of Scotch gingham in pretty stripes of various colors.

APRON FOR SCHOOLGIRL.

The pattern for the apron is a simple one and the diagram for it was sent over from England by an American lady who visits the Fife house.

The skirt is plain and is the same length front and back. Around the edge of the bib is a broad ruffle ending in a point at the waist. When the apron is laundered the waist is separated from the skirt and washed separately. By making two waists to each skirt one skirt will often outlast two waists, both in the laundry and in the wear and tear of the apron.

ABOUT ELOPEMENTS.

A Wise Mother Discusses the Subject in an Interesting Way.

A mother whose daughters are all happily married, referring to the subject of elopements and marriage unsanctioned by the bride's parents, recently said: "I think the trouble in such a matter is largely owing to the mistaken treatment which the daughters receive from the members of their family circle. Their brothers, if brothers they possess, are not apt to make much of them, and the father and mother are so taken up with the cares of existence that they unwittingly fall into the error of appearing indifferent to the budding beauty of their daughters. Every woman's heart longs for love. Compliments and endearing words are as sunshine to a growing plant, and if there is a lack of these at home is it any wonder that when a young man comes along and tells a young girl that she is the sweetest thing on earth, she feels she has been unappreciated for years, and imagines that to dwell forever with an individual who adores her, who recognizes her charm, will be the acme of human happiness?

"I made up my mind when my girls were babes that they should never have to look for admiration away from home. It was the rule in our household to give them every pleasure within our power, to tell them when they looked well, and to be as complimentary and gracious as though they were the young ladies of a neighbor's household. And so they were not upset by the first chance words of admiration from a stranger, and having been always given to understand that what could be afforded was theirs, they were not prompted to run off to better their condition. Runaway matches are seldom made in Heaven, but are brought about, as I said in the beginning, through a natural longing for affection that has been wanting in places where it should be expected to come from first."—Chicago Daily News.

NOVEL WINDOW DRAPERY.

Simple in Construction, But Handsome in Appearance.

A charming effect at a window with a curtain that is at once a graceful drape and mellows the tone of the room by filtering the light beautifully, is the

THE FARMING WORLD.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

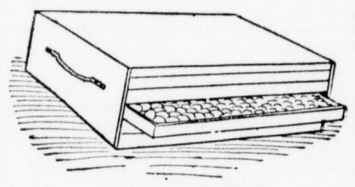
Advice to a Reader Who Wants to Start in Beekeeping.

To make a good beginning is always encouraging. I would advise, says a writer in American Gardening, not to start with too many colonies, say about three good strong ones. We generally succeed better after some experience, and it is economical to gain that before investing a large amount in a new enterprise. If there is a successful apiarist in your vicinity, by all means visit him and secure his advice. As a rule, beekeepers are very generous and have no "secrets of the trade" to hide from their fellow men. If possible, it is best to purchase from a neighbor apiarist, but very often that cannot be done. "A Reader" does not state, but possibly the only bees to be found in his neighborhood are in box hives. If so, purchase, and move some colonies to your place early in the spring, as soon as the bees can fly every day. It is best to move them at night, or early in the morning, before they begin to fly. Don't close the hive too tight while moving. Bees must have plenty of air to breathe. Use wire screen to close the hive for moving. When you get them home place them where you wish to have them permanently, set up a board against the front of the entrance and when the bees come out they will notice the hive and none will be lost. It is folly to purchase anything but roaring strong colonies. It is a waste of time to fuss around with weak colonies. If you have any choice of hives take the largest, as that is likely to give you the most bees, brood and comb, and you will later see that a large comb is preferable to a small one or to two small ones. It is best not to move bees in winter when cold, as they will break the cluster, and often many die from the shock and excitement, and sometimes the whole colony will perish. The bees should have a good flight soon after they are moved. The colonies should be heavy, as that indicates a lot of honey; we don't want to feed if it can be avoided, as that might induce robbing.

CONVENIENT EGG CRATE.

In It Eggs Can Be Carried Safely a Long Distance.

For one who markets his eggs to private customers or at the stores even the egg crate shown herewith will be found very serviceable. It may be made any size desired, although it is not policy to make it too large. A dry goods box of suitable size should be obtained at a grocery store and then fitted up as required, for this will render the work much easier than attempting to make the crate from the beginning, and especially for those who do not have sufficient tools or material handy to



CRATE FOR EGGS.

work with. Then, to obtain a dry goods box is much cheaper, and generally the storekeeper will let his customer have one of the size in question simply for the asking.

Well, the box obtained, tack leather handles on each end and construct a set of drawers for it, as shown, out of good half-inch pine siding. Cover the bottom of each drawer thoroughly with coarse bran and fit them with pasteboard egg fillers, so that the eggs may have a soft resting place, or else lay the eggs in and then pour over them a lot of brain, such as oats or buckwheat. Thus put up eggs may be carried a long distance in very cold weather without any danger of freezing. Best of all, however, in "peddling" eggs one has but to take out a drawer of eggs from the box and carry it into the customer's house, the box itself being left in the wagon. In this way a world of hard lifting (speaking for a year's time) may be averted, and with it the extra danger of breaking the eggs.—Frederick O. Sibley, in N. Y. Tribune.

NOTES FOR BEEKEEPERS.

The bee life is longer or shorter just in proportion to the labor it performs.

Disturbing bees during cold weather is one of the most disastrous things that can be done.

Every hive should have a good bottom board, which should be planed smooth, and painted.

A locality plentifully supplied with clover and basswood is a paradise for the beekeeper and his bees.

New combs that are pure wax and have been used for surplus honey are not apt to be injured by worms.

The workers are dwarfed female bees and so small that they never become impregnated and do not lay eggs.

You need be seldom troubled with swarming if all the queen cells are taken out before they are sealed over.

Bees are the best friends of the growers of small fruits, because they fructify the flowers and cause the fruit to mature.

Honey improves with age. The older it is the finer the flavor. Comb honey should be kept in a moderately warm room.

Extracted honey is much easier kept than comb honey. The latter is liable to get soiled and must be kept in light cases to exclude dust and insects.

Heat does not damage honey, but tends to ripen and improve it. Dampness and darkness damage it. It should always be kept in a dry place.

Dysentery is produced by long confinement of bees in close hives during cold weather. It may be caused also by the bees eating impure food.—St. Louis Republic.

ENTREE OF FRIED BANANAS.

How to Prepare Them in a Way That Will Please the Most Fastidious Appetite.

The red bananas, or plantains, are best for frying, as they are firmer. They are seldom brought north, as they are not so delicate as the yellow ones. So, if you cannot obtain the red, select bananas that are very hard and firm, possibly too much so to be used raw. Peel the bananas and cut them in pieces

about an inch and a half long. Drop them in boiling lard or other frying substance that is not too salty.

When a light brown, put them in a covered collander to drain.

Make a sauce of half a cup of boiling water, half a cup of claret, thicken with cornstarch and sweeten to taste. Serve very hot. Fried banana is a great dish in New Orleans, where it originated with the creole cooks, who serve them without breaking.

Fruit Fairs at Churches.

A fruit fair was the form of a recent church entertainment. Oranges, limes, apples, bananas, grape fruit and hothouse peaches and pears were attractively arranged in various styles. There was a table of fancy work at which no piece was offered which did not in some way associate itself with fruit. Until one attempts to make out the list it is difficult to realize how long it can be made. There are all sorts of menu cards, prettily decorated with fruits, and innumerable doilies and centers whose limitations to fruit designs did not prevent a wide variety. There were fruit plates and fruit baskets, pin cushions in fruit shapes, and pretty water colors, with bunches of fruit, altogether a considerable array. At the table where refreshments were served the ices were in fruit forms. The idea was at least novel, which seems to be the most desirable thing nowadays.—Chicago Tribune.

Average Height of Women.

The average height of women in England is five feet six inches. The average height of American women, according to William Blaikie, the expert on physical culture, is five feet four inches. The two inches in favor of the English women are doubtless due to many generations of outdoor life and sports.

A little hot sealing wax dropped on his hand has just killed the earl of Clonmell, blood poisoning having set in.

economical contrivance of a New York artist, Miss Alice Donbery, who took the gold medal for tapestry at the world's fair.

A white lace curtain of least expensive make, but a good and bold floral design, had become the worst for wear in the laundress' hands, and what to do with it was a problem. It was mounted on old gold yellow cheese cloth at four cents a yard, tacked on a quilting frame, and the outlines were evenly but sketchily run in with old gold yellow crewel stitches. It was then "whipped" at the edge, finished with brass rings, run on a mahl-stick and passed through two polettes, which served as window brackets.

To make the light more graceful to the eye, the lower part of the window was lined with white tissue paper pasted on without a crease, which when dry gives a faint gray light so needful to the artist who at that angle must guard against a glare. The curtain was, however, one of a pair for a tiny drawing-room. The effect was rich, and only on close examination revealed its simplicity of method.—Chicago Times-Herald.

More to the Purpose.

"Proud beauty," said he, his black eyes flashing ebon lightning, "I will yet bring you to the dust."

"Why not bring the dust to me?" she asked.

And he started for the Klondike.—Indianapolis Journal.

Spring Medicine

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ON

Saturday, the 23d day of April 1898,

BETWEEN THE

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when you may attend if you think proper.

FRANKLIN HOUSLER,
Mercantile Appraiser.

Emporium, Pa., March 5th, 1898. 4t

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

His Comunication to Congress a Recapitulation of the Court of Inquiry's Report.

WASHINGTON, March 29—The president sent the following message to congress:

To the Congress of the United States:

For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor, our consular representatives pointed out the advantages to flow from the visit of national ships to the Cuban waters, in accustoming the people to the presence of our flag as the symbol of good will and of our ships in the fiulfillment of the mission of protection to American interests, even though no immediate need therefor might exist.

Accordingly, on the 24th of January last, after conference with the Spanish minister, in which the renewal of visits of our war vessels to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted, the Peninsular authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this government to resume friendly naval visits at Cuban ports, and that in that view the Maine would forthwith call at the port of Havana.

This announcement was received by the Spanish government with appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine, and with notification of intention to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United States. Meanwhile the Maine entered the port of Havana on the 25th of January, her arrival being marked with no special incident besides the exchange

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER POTTER.

of customary salutes and ceremonial visits.

The Maine continued in the harbor of Havana during the three weeks following her arrival. No appreciable excitement attended her stay; on the contrary, a feeling of relief and confidence followed the resumption of the long interrupted friendly intercourse.

So noticeable was this immediate effect of her visit that the consul general strongly urged that the presence of our ships in Cuban waters should be kept up by retaining the Maine at Havana, or in the event of her recall by sending another vessel there to take her place.

THE EXPLOSION.

The Horrible Scenes Following the Blowing Up of the Maine.

At 40 minutes past 9 on the evening of the 15th of February, the Maine was destroyed by an explosion, by which the entire forward part of the ship was utterly wrecked. In this catastrophe two officers and 264 of her crew perished, those who were not killed outright by her explosion being penned between decks by the tangle of wreckage and drowned by the immediate sinking of the hull.

Prompt assistance was rendered by the neighboring vessels anchored in the harbor, aid being especially given by the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alphonso XII. and the Ward line steamer City of Washington, which lay not far distant.

The wounded were generously cared for by the authorities of Havana, the hospitals being freely opened to them, while the earliest recovered bodies of the dead were interred by the municipality in apublic cemetery in the city. Tributes of grief and sympthy were offered from all official quarters of the island.

The appalling calamity fell upon the people of our country with crushing force, and for a brief time an intense excitement prevailed, which in a community less just and self-controlled than ours might have led to hasty acts of blind resentment.

This spirit, however, soon gave way to the calmer processes of reason and to the resolve to investigate the facts and await material proofs before forming a judgment as to the cause, the responsibility, and, as the facts warranted, the remedy due.

This course necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive, for only in the light of a dispasionately ascertained certainty could it determine the nature and measure of its full duty in the matter.

The usual procedure was followed as in all cases of casualty to a disaster to national vessels of any maritime state. A naval court of inquiry was at once organized, composed of officers well qualified by rank and practical experience to discharge the onerous duty imposed upon them.

Aided by a strong force of wreckers and divers, the court proceeded to make a thorough investigation on the spot, employing every available means for the impartial and exact determination of the causes of the explosion. Its operations have been conducted with the utmost deliberation and judgment and, while independently pursued, no source of information was neglected and the fullest opportunity was allowed for a simultaneous investigation by the Spanish authorities.

The finding of the court of inquiry was reached after 23 days of continuous labor on the 21st of March, and having been approved on the 22d by the commander-in-chief of the United States naval force on the North Atlantic station, was transmitted to the executive.

It is herewith laid before the congress, together with the voluminous testimony taken before the court.

A SYNOPSIS.

What the Report of the Board Tends to Show.

Its purport is, in brief, as follows:

"When the Maine arrived at Havana she was conducted by the regular government pilot to buoy No. 4, to which she was moored in from five and one-half to six fathoms of water.

"The state of discipline on board and the condition of her magazines, boilers, coal bunkers and storage compartments are passed in review, with the conclusion that excellent order prevailed and that no indication of any cause for an internal explosion existed in any quarter.

"At 8 o'clock in the evening of February 15 everything had been reported secure, and all was quiet.

"At forty minutes past nine o'clock the vessel was suddenly destroyed.

"There were two distinct explosions, with a brief interval between them. The first lifted the forward part of the ship very perceptibly; the second, which was more open, prolonged and of greater volume, is attributed by the court to partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines.

"The evidence of the divers establishes that the afterpart of the ship was practically intact, and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part was completely demolished."

Upon the evidence of a concurrent external cause, the finding of the court is as follows:

At frame 17, the outer shell of the ship, from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water, therefore about 34 feet above where it would be had the ship sank uninjured.

The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed V-shape, the after wing of which, about fifteen feet broad and thirty-two feet in length (frame 17 to frame 25) is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and the flat keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plates. This break is now about six feet below the surface of the water and about thirty feet above its normal position.

In the opinion of the court, this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18, and somewhat on the shore side of the ship.

The conclusions of the court are:

That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of her crew.

That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines; and

That no evidence has been obtainable fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this government thereon be communicated to the government of her majesty, the Queen Regent, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments.

It will be the duty of the executive to advise the congress of the results and in the meantime deliberate consideration is involved.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.
Executive Mansion, March 28, 1898.

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